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HELD IN YORKVILLE, S. C.,

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HELD IN YORKVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER, 1856.

Conference met on Wednesday morning, November 19th, at 9 A. M., in the Court House, and was opened with religious services by Rev. Bishop JAMES O. ANDREW, D.D.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and the following members were found present, viz :

A. P. Avant, C. Betts, J. M. Bradley, P. G. Bowman, R. J. Boyd, S. H. Brown, R. W. Burgess, J. D. W. Crook, W. Carson, W. Crook, J. S. Connor, A. M. Chritzberg, A. J. Canthen, W. A. Clark, W. B. Currie, J. T. DuBose, O. A. Darby, J. S. Ervin, M. Eaddy, B. English, W. H. Fleming, J. J. Fleming, R. P. Franks, John Finger, W. A. Gamewell, W. Hutto, J. P. Hughes, A. H. Harmon, G. W. Ivey, W. W. Jones, L. A. Johnson, J. W. Kelly, J. T. Kilgo, P. F. Kistler, W. H. Lawton, S. Leard, L. M. Little, A. H. Lester, W. P. Mouzon, G. W. Moore, J. W. Miller, M. A. McKibben, J. A. Mood, H. M. Mood, J. A. Minnick, F. A. Mood, W. W. Mood, J. T. Munds, C. McLeod, C. Murchinson, W. A. McSwain, A. P. Martin, A. Nettles, D. A. Ogburn, E. A. Price, J. Parker, C. H. Pritchard, J. A. Porter, M. Puckett, H. C. Parsons, W. C. Patterson, J. H. Robinson, T. Raysor, A. G. Stacy, G. W. Stokes, A. L. Smith, D. J. Simmons, L. Scarboro, J. Stacy, H. Spain, D. W.

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Seale, N. Talley, C. Taylor, H. A. C. Walker, J. T. Wightman, P. A. M. Williams, T. R. Walsh, J. W. Wightman, J. Watts, C. S. Walker, A. W. Walker, W. M. Wightman.

P. A. M. Williams was nominated and elected Secretary ; A. G. Stacy, J. T. Wightman and F. M. Kennedy, Assistant Secretaries.

The hours of 9 A. M. and 1 P M., were fixed as the hours of meeting and adjourning.

The following Committees were then appointed :

On Memoirs—C. Betts, C. H. Pritchard and H. M. Mood.

On Public Worship—J. W. Kelly and A. H. Lester.

On Periodicals—A. W. Walker, T. Raysor and H. M. Mood.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to procure during the year a new Trunk, for the safe-keeping of the Journals and Papers of Conference.

The following resolutions, offered by F. A. Mood, were, after discussion and amendment, referred to a Committee of three, with instructions to report to-morrow morning.

Resolved, That the Journal of this Conference Session be printed with the Minutes.

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to prepare the Journal and Minutes for publication ; and that they be directed to issue them for sale at such a price as will cover the expense of their publication, and allow thirty per cent. discount to the preachers ; and that 5,000 copies be printed, and that the Committee draw on the Treasurer of the Incorporated Conference.

The Committee—A. M. Chritzberg, F. A. Mood, C. Murchinson.

The following Preamble and Resolution was then moved, seconded and adopted.

Whereas, the Governor of the State of South Carolina has, by Special Proclamation, set apart to-morrow, the 20th instant, as a day of Thanksgiving, Humiliation and Prayer, and has invited and exhorted our citizens of all denominations to assemble at their respective places of worship, to offer up their devotions to Almighty God, the Giver of all good : Therefore—

Resolved, That the Conference do adjourn on to-morrow at

11 o'clock, A. M., and that the Rev. Dr. Wightman be requested to preach a Sermon suitable to the occasion before the Conference.

S. Leard, S. B. Jones and W. H. Fleming, were, on motion, appointed a Book Committee.

A letter from Dr. L. M. Lee, of Richmond, Virginia, enclosing sundry accounts for Southern Methodist Quarterly Review, was read, and the accounts placed in the hands of the Book Committee for collection.

The following Resolution was presented and adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of the Presiding Elder and Stationed Preachers in Columbia, in connection with Robert Bryce and James D. Treadwell, Esq., be appointed to erect a suitable monument over the grave of the late Bishop Capers, and appropriately to enclose the same.

(Signed,)

W. A. GAMEWELL,
P. A. M. WILLIAMS.

At this stage, Bishop Andrew made some very appropriate and well-timed remarks to the Preachers, with regard to their conduct and intercourse with the people of the town, when question II was called. [See Minutes.]

Question III was afterwards taken up, [see Minutes ;] and, also, Question IV, [see Minutes]—when the usual notices were given out, and the Conference adjourned, with the Benediction by the Bishop.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 20.

Conference met at 9 A. M., and was opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, by R. J. Boyd, Bishop Andrew in the Chair.

The roll was called, and the following members appeared and took their seats :

M. L. Banks, J. Cross, J. R. Coburn, G. W. M. Creighton, Abner Ervin, W. S. Haltom, L. M. Hamer, Simpson Jones, T.

Mitchell, A. McCorquodale, E. J. Menardie, A. B. McGilvray, J. W. North, H. E. Ogburn, J. R. Pickett, Whitefoord Smith, J. L. Shuford, S. Townsend, J. W. Townsend.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of N. Talley, the calling of the roll was dispensed with after to-day.

Whitefoord Smith presented and read the Report of the Columbia Female College, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Charles Taylor presented and read the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Spartanburg Female College, which was referred to the same Committee.

T. R. Walsh presented and read the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Carolina Female College, which was similarly referred.

Rev. Mr. Adams, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

The Annual Report of the Publishing Committee of the Southern Christian Advocate, was read, and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

A Communication from Stevenson and Evans, Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, giving an account of the condition and prospects of our publishing interests, was read, and handed over to the Book Committee.

A Letter from Mrs. Margaret Langdon, Treasurer of the Colored Female Missionary Society of Trinity Church, Charleston, containing \$161 for Missions, was read, and the money placed in the hands of Treasurer of Conference Missionary Society, and the Secretary directed to return a letter of thanks.

Rev. Mr. Caruthers, of the Independent Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

The Joint Board of Finance was then permitted to make their usual call.

Notices were given out, and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop, and repaired to the Chapel of the Female College, to join in religious exercises, as provided for by special resolution on yesterday.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 21.

Conference met at 9 A. M., and was opened with religious services by M. Eaddy, Bishop Andrew in the Chair.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

W. Martin, D. May and H. H. Durant, appeared in their places.

The Joint Board of Finance were permitted to finish their call.

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of printing the Journal in connection with the Minutes of the Conference, presented a Report, embodying the following Resolutions :

Resolved, 1st, That the Journal, as drawn up by the Secretary, be prepared for publication with the Minutes, excluding every thing of a personal character.

Resolved, 2d, That a Committee of three be appointed to superintend the publication, and that they be authorized to print 3,000 copies.

Resolved, 3d, That the Committee be authorized to draw upon the Conference funds for their first publication, and that the price of sale be fixed at such a price as will cover the expense of publication, and allow thirty per cent. discount to the Preachers.

Resolved, 4th, That the Missionaries be put in possession of a number of copies, in proportion to the amount usually contributed by the Missionary Society towards the publication of the Minutes, for gratuitous distribution among the patrons.

(Signed,)

A. M. CHRITZBERG,

Chairman.

P. A. M. Williams, F. A. Mood and S. Townsend, were appointed the Committee provided for in the second Resolution, and the Report, as a whole, was, on motion, adopted.

Question V. was then called. [See Minutes.]

The following Resolution, offered by H. C. Parsons, was, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be instructed to pay the full Disciplinary claims of the *necessitous* claimants on the Conference Collections, and that the overplus remaining after said claims are paid, be divided among the other claimants.

The following Standing Resolution on the Journal was, on motion, rescinded :

“That an effective Preacher shall not be allowed a claim on the Conference Collections, if he fail to collect the whole amount assessed upon the Charge he serves, without a special order from Conference.”

A Circular Letter from Dr. Sehon, Missionary Secretary, was read, and received as information.

Rev. Mr. Anderson, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Dr. Cummings, of the Holston Conference, were introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

The following Resolutions from the Holston Conference, in reference to a new Restrictive rule in the Discipline, were read, and, on motion, were made the order of the day for to-morrow :

Resolved, by the Holston Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, That our ensuing General Conference, to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, in May, 1858, be, and they are hereby, petitioned and recommended to authorize the insertion of another “Restrictive Rule” in our Book of Discipline, to be known as No. 3, in the words following, viz :

“They shall not change the boundary line of any of our Annual Conferences, nor take any portion of an Annual Conference in the formation of a new Conference, without the consent of a majority of the Preachers of the Conference, or Conferences, to be affected thereby; or the concurrence of a majority of the Delegates who may represent the said Conference, or Conferences, in the General Conference at which the change is sought to be made.

Resolved, 2d, That the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be, and they are hereby, respectfully requested to present to the several Annual Conferences of our Church the above Resolution; between this and the meeting of our next General Conference, in 1858, and ask (in our behalf) their concurrence in the matter therein proposed; and report at the General Conference, to be holden at the time and place aforementioned, whether or not the majority requisite to authorize the passage of the proposed Restrictive rule has been obtained.

Resolved, 3d, That the Secretary of this Conference be requested to furnish each of our Bishops with a copy of the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions.

Question I. was called. [See Minutes.]

Bishop Andrew then made some very appropriate remarks, in reference to Ministerial character, and the duty of Preachers

to each other, in regard to the examination of character before the Conference.

Notices were given out, and Conference adjourned, with the Benediction by the Bishop.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 22.

Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with religious services by Dr. Summers, Bishop Andrew in the Chair.

A. M. Shipp appeared and took his seat.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Dr. Summers then made some remarks in reference to the Nashville Advocate, Home Circle, Quarterly Review and Sunday School Visitor, urging the Preachers to renew their efforts in their behalf, especially the last, which was not paying expenses.

The Education Committee, through their Chairman, Dr. Wightman, presented the following Report, which, on motion, was adopted :

The Education Committee, to whom was referred, at the close of the last session of Conference, a Resolution, contemplating a general yearly collection to be taken up in behalf of our educational interests, beg to report :

That they have had the subject under careful advisement, and believe that a public collection for such purposes taken up during the months of May and October, would be highly advantageous to the interests of liberal education in the Church : *Provided*, Such a measure should meet the hearty concurrence of the great body of the Preachers of the Conference. How far it would, the Committee have no means of determining.

(Signed,)

W. M. WIGHTMAN,

Chairman.

T. R. Walsh, a member of said Committee, offered the fol-

lowing Resolutions, which, after some remarks, were, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

Resolved, 1st. That in order to give more effectual and permanent aid to the literary institutions under the patronage of this Conference, each preacher in charge of a circuit, with the aid of his assistant, if necessary, take up an annual collection in every congregation throughout his bounds; and that a similar collection be raised by the preachers on stations.

Resolved, 2d. That this collection shall be taken up on the first Sabbath in June, in each year, on all the stations, and that this be the time for commencing said services on all the circuits; each collection on stations and circuits being preceded by a sermon on the subject of education, previous notice having been given of both the sermon and collection.

Resolved, 3d. That the avails of this collection be taken up to the succeeding annual Conference, and placed in the hands of the Financial Board, who shall be required then and there to distribute said amount to the respective literary institutions under the patronage of the Conference, as in their judgement the claims of each fairly stated, may justly merit; nevertheless, that upon the reading of the report of said Board, which shall be read at some time not later than the fourth day of the session, the Conference may, by a vote of two-thirds of its members, present and voting at the time, alter and amend said report, in relation to the sums appropriated to the institutions before named; and sufficient time shall be taken by the Conference to dispose of any difficulty that might arise, in this respect, before final adjournment.

The Joint Board of Finance presented the following as their report in part, which was, on motion, adopted:

Amount of claim by <i>effective</i> claimants,	-	-	\$1,759 00
Received on their charges,	-	-	616 84
Leaving a balance of claim to be met by the Board			
of	-	-	\$1,142 16

The amount of claim presented in behalf of superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of preachers, is	\$6,522 00
Total of claim,	7,664 16

To meet this claim the Board have received from circuits and stations as Conference collections,	-	-	\$4,201 44
By donation,	-	-	1 00
Donation from Mrs. C. G. Kennedy,	-	-	3 00

Total, - - - - - \$4,205 44

The list of appropriations drawn out in accordance with the instructions of the Conference, was then read by Jas. Stacy, Chairman of the Board.

The following resolution, offered by C. S. Walker, was then, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be appointed a committee to collect information in reference to the circumstances of the claimants upon the Conference funds, and that they report to the Board of Finance and Board of Managers of the legal Conference.

The order of the day, the resolutions of the Holston Annual Conference, with respect to a new restrictive rule in the Discipline, (see Journal of Friday morning, page 7,) was called up. The resolutions were again read, and it was resolved that any member of the Conference now present, but absent when the vote is taken, be permitted to record his vote. The ayes and noes were then taken, the roll being called, and 118 voted for and none against the resolutions.

Questions V., VI., VII., VIII., IX., X. and XI., were taken up successively. [See Minutes.]

When Question XII. was called the Committee on Memoirs made their report. [See Minutes.]

Question XI. was then resumed. [See Minutes.]

Rev. Mr. Beard, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Conference, and the same question resumed.

The following members were reported as absent from Conference, from ill health or other causes : H. Bass, W. E. Boone, D. D. Byars, Jas. L. Belin, D. Derrick, A. M. Foster, B. Jenkins, B. G. Jones, W. J. Jackson, W. C. Kirkland, R. Pierce, F. Rush and C. Wilson.

The Bishop then gave way for the annual meeting of the Incorporated Conference. The President, Dr. Wightman, took the Chair. The Journal of the last Session was read by the Secretary, W. A. Gamewell.

The following brethren were proposed and duly elected members of the corporation : F. M. Kennedy, A. B. Stevens, C. E. Wiggins, J. W. Crider, E. W. Thompson, W. A. Hemmingway, J. S. Nelson, S. B. Jones, L. Wood, M. A. Connelly, W. L. Pegues, E. J. Pennington and O. A. Chritzberg.

Dr. W. Smith then read the annual report of the Board of Managers, which, on motion, was adopted.

The recommendation of the Board, in regard to the expense of the Tablets to the memory of Revs. Wm. M. Kennedy and S. Dunwody, and also the monument on the grave of the late Bishop Capers, was taken up and adopted.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Board, the Treasurer was instructed to renew the clergy ticket, on the Columbia and Greenville Rail Road, and to make like contract with any other Rail Roads which may agree thereto.

The Conference then adopted the recommendation of the Board in reference to the appropriations to the claimants on the various funds of the Conference, as follows:

American Bible Society Fund,	-	-	-	-	\$ 93 87
South Carolina Conference Fund	-	-	-	-	1,000 32
Fund of Special Relief,	-	-	-	-	285 00
Fund of Education Society,	-	-	-	-	365 00
Superannuated Preacher's Fund,	-	-	-	-	320 00

The Treasurer then presented his annual report which was adopted.

Dr. W. Smith proposed a change in the 4th Article of the By-Laws of the Conference, so as to read *four* Vice Presidents instead of *two*, which, on motion, was adopted.

The Treasurer then distributed the appropriations.

On motion of Dr. W. Smith, the Treasurer was authorized to forward to the General Treasury of the American Bible Society, one-half of the interest in hands from the Wofford legacy, for the use of the Society, and the other half to be returned in Bibles and Testaments, for general distribution in our Conference District.

H. A. C. Walker brought to the notice of the Conference the deed for the Spring-street Church, Charleston, conveying said property to this Conference, when after consideration, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, A certain lot of land, in Charleston, has been conveyed to this Conference, on which the building known as the Spring-street M. E. Church, is in process of erection, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the President of this Conference be, and he

is hereby empowered and directed to convey such property to a Board of Trustees—to be appointed according to the form of Discipline—without warranty.

A report from the Commissioners of the Southern Methodist Book Room, recently transferred to the agents of the Publishing House, at Nashville, was referred to the Board of Managers.

The Corporation proceeded to the election of officers, pursuant to its charter.

On motion, the election was made by nomination.

The following officers were elected :

W. M. WIGHTMAN, D.D., *President*.

WHITEFOORD SMITH, D.D., 1st *Vice President*.

H. A. C. WALKER, 2d *Vice President*.

JAS. STACY, 3d *Vice President*.

H. C. PARSONS, 4th *Vice President*.

W. A. GAMEWELL, *Secretary*.

ROBERT BRYCE, *Treasurer, Columbia, S. C.*

Lay Members.—Andrew Wallace, Geo. W. Williams, Simpson Bobo, Esq. and W. T. Caston, Esq.

The Ecclesiastical Conference then resumed its sitting.

The usual notices were given out, when Conference adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

MONDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 24.

Conference met at 9 A. M., and was opened with religious services by H. Spain, Bishop Andrew in the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the names of those who had been ordained Deacons and Elders. [See Minutes.]

S. Leard presented the report of the Book Committee, stating that \$391 77 had been collected for Books, \$64 25 on Quarterly Review, and \$57 50 in advance for the Review.

The report was adopted, and the money ordered to be placed in the hands of Dr. Summers.

Dr. Wightman presented and read the annual report of the Board of Trustees of the Cokesbury Conference School, showing the condition of the institution to be sound and healthy.

The Board also recommended that the vacancies in the list of Beneficiaries, on the Holloway Foundation, be filled.

The report was adopted, and the Beneficiaries elected.

The Committee on Education, through Dr. Wightman, the Chairman, presented their annual report of the several institutions of learning under the patronage of the Conference. [See Minutes.]

The following gentlemen were elected as the Board of Trustees for Columbia Female College:

Revs. N. Talley, W. Martin, W. Crook, W. A. Gamewell, R. J. Boyd, S. Leard, Jas. Stacy, C. Murchinson, H. C. Parsons, C. H. Pritchard, S. Townsend, W. H. Fleming, J. T. Wightman, and Andrew Wallace, Robert Bryce, Dr. John W. Parker, Hon. E. J. Arthur, Hon. J. S. Preston, Dr. A. N. Talley, Jas. D. Treadwell, Esqr., W. W. Walker, Dr. John H. Boatwright, Col. Wm. Wallace, S. Olin Talley, R. D. Senn and W. T. Caston, Esqr.

Question XI. was resumed. [See Minutes.]

The Presiding Bishop was requested to re-appoint A. M. Shipp to the N. C. University.

The Committee on Periodicals reported that they had received—

For Southern Christian Advocate, - - - -	\$360 96
Amount paid to Agents, - - - -	91 19

Total in cash, - - - -	\$269 77
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For Nashville Advocate, - - - -	\$11 25
For Home Circle, - - - -	43 20
For Sunday School Visitor, - - - -	6 20

Total - - - -	\$60 65
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The report was adopted, and the money for Southern C.

Advocate ordered to be paid to E. H. Myers, and for the other Periodicals to Dr. Sumners.

The Joint Board of Finance presented a further report relative to their receipts and issues, which was adopted.

Leave of absence was granted to Drs. Wightman and Taylor, from to-day.

The meeting of the Tract Society having been ordered at candle light, the usual notices were given out, and Conference adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 25.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with religious services by W. Martin, Bishop Andrew in the Chair.

The Minutes of Monday was read and approved.

The Secretary received the answers to the XIII., XIV. and XV. Questions. [See Minutes.]

The following resolutions, in reference to our Publishing interests, were then, on motion, adopted :

Resolved, 1st. That this Conference hereby gives expression to the feelings of gratification which the visit of our honored friend, Dr. Sumners, has occasioned, and to the grateful sense of obligation conferred by his labors in our anniversaries.

Resolved, 2d. That the condition of our Publishing House is as prosperous as could have been expected under the circumstances, and that its success, and number of books issued, are highly gratifying.

Resolved, 3d. That we hereby pledge ourselves to renewed and continued diligence in the circulation of all the issues of our Publishing House.

(Signed)

H. A. C. WALKER,
THOS. RAYSOR.

Bishop Andrew, at this point, made some remarks on the foregoing subject, bringing prominently before the Conference our Publishing interests, and the duty of the preachers to cir-

culate the books, and especially the periodicals of the Church.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint some member of the Conference to preach a sermon for the especial benefit of the preachers on the faithful performance of Pastoral Duties.

(Signed)

A. G. STACY,
J. W. KELLY.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to have printed 2,000 blank certificates, for the use of the Preachers returning from Conference by Rail Road.

A. G. STACY.
J. D. W. CROOK,

Question XI was resumed. [See Minutes.]

The hour of adjournment having arrived, on motion, the Conference adjourned—Benediction by the Bishop—to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The whole afternoon session was devoted to Question XI—see Minutes—and adjourned, with the Benediction from the Chair.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 26.

Conference met at the usual hour, and was opened with religious services by James Stacy, Bishop Andrew in the Chair.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Joint Board of Finance reported the assessments for Conference Collection for 1857, which, on motion, was adopted—[See Minutes.]

The following Resolutions were also adopted :

Resolved, 1st, That the Board of Stewards on their respective Charges, are requested to co-operate with the Ministers laboring among them, in securing the amount the Charge has been requested to collect as Conference Collections, by private application to the wealthier members, and if necessary, by public collections in the respective congregations.

Resolved, 2d, The respective Board of Stewards shall have authority to retain any surplus Conference Collection, to meet the deficiency, if any, in the current expenses in the Charge where it is collected.

Resolved, 3d, The Missionaries are requested to solicit donations for the benefit of the Superannuated Preachers—the widows and orphans of Preachers—together with the deficient effective Preachers of the Conference, who may have been under their charge, while members of the Church.

Resolved, 4th, The Presiding Elders shall constitute a Standing Committee, to ascertain the names of claimants, and the *amount* each has upon the funds managed by the Board, which information shall be placed in the hands of some member of the Board, on the second day of Conference.

Question XI was resumed. [See Minutes.]

On motion, it was—

Resolved, That when we adjourn, that we meet again at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Conference then adjourned, with the Benediction by the Bishop.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. R. Pickett.

Question XI was resumed. [See Minutes.]

Conference adjourned, with the Benediction by the Bishop.

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 27.

Conference met at 9 A. M., and was opened with religious services by Wm. H. Fleming, Charles Betts in the Chair.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Robert Bryce having resigned his place as a member of the Joint Board of Finance, on motion, Captain James D. Treadwell was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The following Preamble and Resolution, presented by A. G. Stacy, was, on motion, adopted:

Whereas, the Conference has learned that our esteemed brethren, Joseph Cross and F. A. Mood, expect to visit Europe during the ensuing year: Therefore—

Resolved, That while we are loth to see those brethren leave the field of active service, though it be but for a time, we will pray the Father of Mercies to bless them abundantly in all their journeyings, whether by sea or land, and to restore them to us full of strength and zeal for the great work in which we are all engaged.

Question XI was resumed. [See Minutes.]

James Stacy was appointed to preach the sermon at our next Annual Session, on the Pastoral Office.

It was—

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we meet again at 6 o'clock, in the Hall of the Female College.

Conference then adjourned, with the Benediction by the Bishop.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Conference met at 6 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with prayer by C. S. Walker.

Question XI was resumed. [See Minutes.]

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Yorkville, for their generous entertainment of the members of the Conference—to the Pastors and Congregations, for the use of their Churches—to the Committee on Public Buildings, for the use of the

Court House, for our daily sessions—to the various Rail Road Companies, for facilities of travel, &c. — were unanimously adopted.

Question XVIII was taken up. [See Minutes.]

The Bishop was, on motion, requested to appoint Committees, severally of three, to visit the several institutions of learning under the patronage of the Conference, during their Annual Examinations. [See Minutes.]

The Mission Committee reported the amounts appropriated to Missions in the Conference for the ensuing year, which was received as information.

The Conference Sermon for the next Session, was appointed to be preached on Sunday night.

After singing, and prayer, and appropriate remarks, the Bishop proceeded to announce the appointments of the Preachers for the ensuing year. [See Minutes.]

The usual notices were then given out by the Presiding Elders, when Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the Benediction by the Bishop.

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HELD IN YORKVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, NOVEMBER 19TH,
TO NOVEMBER 27TH, 1856.

Rev. JAMES OSGOOD ANDREW, D.D., *Bishop*, Summerfield, Alabama.

Rev. PAUL A. M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*, Walterboro, South Carolina.

Question I. What Preachers are admitted on Trial?

Jas. M. Cline, Wm. Jas. Edward Fripp, Edward George Gage, Joel H. Gibson, Evan A. Lemmond, Francis Marion Morgan, Jonathan L. McGregor, Fletcher Smith, and Osgood A. Chritzberg, Wesley L. Pegues, Edward J. Pennington, re-admitted. 11.

Question II. Who remain on Trial?

George K. Andrews, William S. Black, Andrew Jackson Evans, Samuel J. Hill, John W. Murray, Randolph R. Pegues, John W. Puett. 7.

Question III. Who are admitted into Full Connection?

Minton A. Connelly, John W. Crider, William A. Hemmingway, Samuel Barksdale Jones, Francis Milton Kennedy, Jessie S. Nelson, Alexander B. Stephens, Eugene W. Thompson, James H. Ward, Caspar E. Wiggins, Landy Wood. 11.

Question IV. Who are the Deacons?

R. W. Burgess, J. S. Connor, J. T. DuBose, L. M. Hamer, B. G. Jones, D. A. Ogburn, who were ordained last year, and M. A. Connelly, J. W. Crider, W. A. Hemmingway, S. B. Jones, F. M. Kennedy, J. S. Nelson, A. B. Stephens, E. W. Thompson, C. E. Wiggins, who were ordained this year. 15.

Question V. Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?

G. W. Creighton, J. S. Ervin, W. H. Lawton, A. H. Lester, J. T. Munds, E. A. Price, E. J. Pennington, G. W. Stokes, J. H. Ward, L. Wood. 10.

Question VI. Who have Located this year?

Peyton G. Bowman. 1.

Question VII. Who are the Supernumeraries?

Joseph Cross, W. C. Kirkland, F. A. Mood, James T. Munds, Whitefoord Smith. 5.

Question VIII. Who are the Superannuated, or Worn Out Preachers?

Henry Bass, James L. Belin, David Derrick, Alexius M. Foster, Willis S. Haltom, Wm. J. Jackson, Wm. C. Patterson, Reddick Pierce, Frederick Rush, Hartwell Spain, Joel W. Townsend. 11.

Question IX. Who have been Expelled from the Connection this year?

Julius J. Fleming was, by vote of Conference, suspended from the functions of the Ministry for the ensuing year.

Question X. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

None.

Question XI. Are all the Preachers Blameless in Life and Conversation?

Their characters were strictly examined, by calling over their names severally before the Conference.

Question XII. Who have died this year ?

Edward D. Boyden was born in the City of Charleston, South Carolina, January 14th, 1827—professed religion, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1852—was licensed to preach, May, 1853, and employed by the Presiding Elder of the Cokesbury District, as a Supply on Laurens Circuit—was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, November 23d, 1854, and sent to the Black Swamp Circuit. In 1855, he was sent to the Marion Circuit, and in 1856, to the Conwayboro Circuit. He entered early, and with spirit, upon his work, strong and buoyant. He was affectionately received by his people, and bade fair to accomplish a successful year's work ; but ere he had finished his first round of appointments, he was violently attacked with Hernia, which in two weeks terminated his earthly career.

Brother Boyden was a man of no ordinary promise. With a clear perception, correct judgment, poetic imagination, inflexible will, and a zeal that knew no compromise, he stood in the front rank of the Young Ministers of this Conference ; but a mysterious and wise Providence has called him home. During his last illness, he manifested great composure, and an unshaken confidence in God ; and when almost gone, his voice tremulous in Death, he declared “all was well,” and soon after, fell asleep in Jesus.

Question XIII. What numbers are in our Church, in the bounds of the Conference ?

[See annexed tables.]

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND
MISSIONS.

	Local Elders.	Local Deacons.	Licentiates.	Whites in full con- nection.	Whites on proba- tion.	Colored in full con- nection	Colored on proba- tion.	Amount raised for Missions.	Amount raised for Sunday Schools.	Schools.	Officers and Teach- ers.	White Scholars.	Colored Scholars.	Volumes in Libra- ry.	Visitors taken.	Amount raised for Tract cause.	Amount raised for Conference Col- lections.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.																	
Cumberland, - -	-			177	10	1157	253	\$411 12	\$202 42	2	41	147	348	840	155		\$132 20
Trinity, - -	-			293	10	1806	450	540 00	92 75	2	30	56	169	868	100		155 00
Bethel, - -	-	1		164	35	1152	262	554 59	125 00	2	37	125	367	1200	160		125 00
St. James, - -	-			154	3	237	47	91 00	27 00	2	13	97	25	350	150		40 00
Cooper River Circuit, -	-	3	4	451	94	706	88	278 00	7 97	5	19	86		127			80 00
Cypress Circuit, - -	-	5	2	678	54	673	60	489 00		2	10	50				23 00	100 00
St. George's Circuit, -	-	2		482	84	314	142	191 00	5 00	4	20	94		550	9	50 00	100 00
Walterboro' Circuit, -	-	2		772	25	798	25	235 00		8	38	250					125 00
Black Swamp Circuit, -	-	2	2	271	41	298	56	416 32									242 25
Cooper River Mission, -	-			17		573	198	135 00					350				
St. Andrew's Mission, -	-			26	17	400											
St. George's & St. Paul's Miss.						105	105	173 33		2	3	20	97				
Pon Pon Mission, -						533	42	800 00					203				
Ashepoo and Combahee Miss.						681	223	1331 00					660				
Prince William's Mission, -	-			5	1	235	44	434 00					240				
Savannah River Mission, -	-			3		439	29	425 00									
Okatee Mission, - -	-			22		179	14										
Edisto and Jehossee Mission,						502	170										
Beaufort Mission, - -	-			16		152	89	257 00									
Allendale Circuit, -	-			166	17	155	35	255 14	16 00	3	14	45	45	150	15	47 00	60 00
	18	9	4	3697	391	11095	2332	\$8016 50	\$476 14	32	225	970	2504	4085	589	\$120 00	\$1159 45

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GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																	
Georgetown, -	1			185	52	875	209	\$400 88	\$30 00	2	17	80	50	290	40		\$103 10
Black River Circuit, -				468	94	794	141	268 00	5 00	4	20	63		670			60 00
Conwayboro' Circuit, -			7	825	60	300	15	116 28		9	20	200		575			
Marion Circuit, -	4	13	2	1141	270	701	90	446 00		11	62	378	751				100 00
Marion Station, -	2			137	32	156	57	295 31	18 11	1	16	77	30	400	25	\$60 00	50 00
Bennettsville Circuit, -	2	6	2	994	144	521	41	507 80	25 00	6	39	155	201	500			100 00
Cheraw Station, -				93	5	143	42	111 25	27 00	1	17	50	8	250			68 50
Darlington Circuit, -	1	8		815	133	208	490	271 00	50 00	9	70	388		1175	8		143 75
Santee Mission, -						500	75	230 00									
Sampit Mission, -						163	16	470 00					215				
Black River & Pee Dee Mission	1			81	14	1220	240	314 44	14 00	1	2	10	350	100		10 00	
Black Mingo Mission, -				10	2	200	103	290 00					234				
Waccamaw Mission, -				32		480	248	143 00									
Society Hill Mission, -				8		140	17	275 65									
Liberty Chapel Mission, -				26	1	141	56	273 75									
Lynchburg Circuit, -	1		2	191	35	102	10	50 00	60 00	6	20	130		100			30 00
	12	27	13	5006	842	6644	1850	\$4529 36	\$229 11	50	283	1531	1839	4060	73	\$70 00	\$655 35

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COLUMBIA DISTRICT.																	
Washington Station, -	-		1	234	20	572	105	\$562 03	\$46 00	3	31	181	140	1200	100	\$77 21	\$175 00
Marion Station, -	-	1		108	8	90	12	221 00	40 00	1	14	50		400	50	25 77	75 00
Sumter Station, -	-	2	1	176	10	469	30	144 00	22 00	1	11	60	25	378			89 00
Columbia Circuit, -	-			349	63	92	27	145 00	30 00	6	30	150		400		40 00	52 00
Barnwell Circuit, -	-	1	1	433	195	433	78	254 47		5	24	84	20	258		96 25	76 29
Orangeburg Circuit, -	-	4	1	684	88	872	152	375 00	15 00	2	13	48					160 00
Lexington Circuit, -	-	2	3	540	47	520	20	105 00		3	24	95		400			45 25
Santee Circuit, -	-	2	1	362	41	647	59	121 00		6	7	91	25	300			51 00
Sumter Circuit, -	-	3		692	22	1239	16	190 00		4	16	74		285			90 00
Fairfield Circuit, -	-		1	284	8	150	40	200 00	5 00	6	28	220	18	475			75 75
Chesterville Circuit, -	-			346	29	150		226 00	15 00	3	13	224		481			91 00
Winnboro' Circuit, -	-	1	1	175	33	581	65	102 00		3	11	40					51 36
Congaree Mission, -	-			11	1	336	20	376 32									
Richland Fork Mission, -	-			19	15	190	87	211 00	30 00	1	7	40	300	150			7 00
Upper Santee Mission, -	-		1	122		736		217 96									
	11	11	12	4535	580	7017	711	\$3450 78	\$203 00	44	229	1357	528	4927	150	\$239 23	\$1038 65

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COKESBURY DISTRICT.																	
Cokesbury Circuit, -	6	2	3	980	40	1403	90	\$787 50	\$10 00	7	48	250		650		\$100 00	\$77 25
Edgefield Circuit, -	2	4		823	70	888		300 00		14	57	317		300			54 00
Graniteville & Aiken Mission,	1			134	41	75	22	534 75		2	14	92		250			21 75
Newberry Station, -				46	2	334	31	77 20	50 00	1	11	46	25	250	20	9 00	25 00
Newberry Circuit, -	1	1		900	50	1225	25	323 85		5	27	125	35	100			58 20
Union Circuit, -	1		1	808	31	325	11	410 35		10	47	478		1833			205 36
Tiger and Enoree Mission,						241	52	264 50									
Laurens Circuit, -	2	1	2	703	27	444	20	275 00	125 00	10	100	500		960		40 00	50 00
Greenville Station, -				77	3	205	46	90 00	6 50	1	10	38					25 50
Greenville Circuit, -	3	3	1	830	70	225	26	206 00	40 00	12	92	727					56 06
Anderson Circuit, -	3	4	5	850	95	366	19	204 26	21 29	10	63	280	13		25		50 00
Mt. Tryon Circuit, -				430	25	67	5	97 00		4	25	100					7 85
Pickens Circuit, -	1	1	3	392	40	30	10	57 00		5	14	70		50			5 00
Jocassee Mission, -				142	14	1	1	40 00									10 00
	20	16	15	7115	508	5829	358	\$3667 41	\$142 79	71	508	3023	73	4393	45	\$149 00	\$645 97

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CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.																	
Charlotte Station,	1			141	22	170	22	\$133 35	\$25 00	1	18	80	220	700	24		\$33 95
Charlotte Circuit,	-			862	328	438	206	166 07		16	104	688		1457	20		38 00
Concord Circuit,	-			579	121	343	41	202 00	22 00	7	39	352		1350			24 00
Albermarle Circuit,	-	1	3	651	110	61	8			9	51	300		125			15 30
Wadesboro' Station,	-		1	112	33	162	15	33 10	62 75	1	17	92		450	50	\$15 75	15 17
Wadesboro' Circuit,	-	2	2	835	126	385	208	188 79	40 00	11	65	305	245	550	24	69 00	125 00
Chesterfield Circuit,	-	1	4	458	52	318	50	145 00		4	6	70					26 00
Camden Station,	-	1	1	106	13	206	27	368 50	89 60	1	13	60		925	50		52 50
Wateree Mission,	-			30	3	807	205	553 00									
Lancaster Circuit,	-		1	429	58	310	83	288 00		8	22	145		185			74 00
Catawba Mission,	-			7		134	55	63 00									
Pleasant Grove Circuit,	-	2	2	585	116	178	22	300 00	90 00	13	41	354	465	941		75 00	50 00
	6	6	14	4795	982	3512	942	\$2940 81	\$329 35	71	376	2446		6683	168	\$159 75	\$447 92

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SHELBY DISTRICT.																	
Spartanburg Station, -	-		1	208	18	88	3	\$265 95	\$18 00	3	20	200	25	400	100	\$66 25	\$50 00
Spartanburg Circuit, -	-	2	1	570	104	191	57	51 00	11 00	11	395		824				28 15
Yorkville Station, -	-	1		72	9	97	10	90 00	33 00	1	9	88		500	25		25 00
Yorkville Circuit, -	-	1	1	265	23	385	53	30 40		2	12	59					29 20
Lincolnton Circuit, -	-			789	191	537	44	135 00	105 00	10	66	389		1231	39	49 05	27 50
Shelby Circuit, -	-	3	4	416	64	57	9	66 66		9	50	248		450		10 00	26 80
Rutherford Circuit, -	-			890	40	400	76	69 50		6	60	300		400		4 00	26 37
Catawba Circuit, -	-	3	3	975	219	148	55	147 00		10	15	350		600			5 00
Lenoir Circuit, -	-	1	3	689	75	170	26	45 00	5 00	6	49	235		130			15 80
Morgan Circuit, -	-	2	1	602	15	352	34	104 00	20 00	8	39	239		190			13 00
McDowell Circuit, -	-	1	2	277	64	161	46	25 25	10 00	3	19	85		101			8 00
South Mountain Circuit,	-			203	48	3	4	37 15		6	27	169		110			
	10	6	16	5956	870	2589	417	\$866 11	\$202 00	75	761	2362	849	4212	164	\$129 30	\$204 82

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.				LOCAL ELDERS.	LOC'L DEACONS.	LICENTIATES.	WHITES IN FULL CONNEXION.	WHITES ON PROBATION.	COL'D IN FULL CONNEXION.	COLORED ON PROBATION.
Charleston, -	-	-	-	18	9	4	3,697	391	11,095	2,332
Georgetown, -	-	-	-	12	27	13	5,006	842	6,644	1,850
Columbia, -	-	-	-	11	11	12	4,535	580	7,077	711
Cokesbury, -	-	-	-	20	16	15	7,115	508	5,829	358
Charlotte, -	-	-	-	6	6	14	4,795	982	3,512	944
Shelby, -	-	-	-	10	6	16	5,976	870	2,589	417
Total,	-	-	-	77	75	74	31,124	4,173	36,746	6,612
Total, 1856,	-	-	-	77	75	74	31,124	4,173	36,746	6,612
Total, 1855,	-	-	-	76	72	91	30,682	4,356	38,933	5,753
Increase,	-	-	-	1	3		442			859
Decrease,	-	-	-			17		183	2,187	

Columbia—Marion Street, *O. A. Darby, F. A. Mood, Sup'y.*
 Congaree Mission, *N. Talley.*
 Columbia Circuit, *D. D. Byars.*
 Richland Fork Mission, *Alex. L. Smith.*
 Barnwell Circuit, *E. A. Price.*
 Blackville Circuit, *E. J. Menardie.*
 Orangeburg Circuit, *M. L. Banks, F. M. Morgan.*
 Lexington Circuit, *J. M. Bradley, E. A. Lemmond.*
 Santee Circuit, *A. P. Avant.*
 Upper Santee Mission, *Wm. Carson, One to be supplied.*
 Fairfield Circuit, *C. McLeod.*
 Chesterville Circuit, *S. Townsend.*
 Winnsboro Circuit, *J. S. Connor.*

COKEsbury DISTRICT—*R. J. Boyd, P. E.*

Cokesbury Circuit, *A. M. Chritzberg.*
 Abbeville Circuit, *C. Murchinson.*
 Edgelyield Circuit, *John A. Porter, S. J. Hill.*
 Graniteville Mission, *Wm. W. Mood.*
 Aiken Station, *To be supplied.*
 Newberry Station, *Alex. W. Walker.*
 Newberry Circuit, *Thomas Raysor, J. M. Cline.*
 Union Circuit, *S. H. Brown, E. J. Gage.*
 Tiger and Enoree Mission, *John Finger.*
 Laurens Circuit, *M. Puckett, A. P. Martin.*
 Greenville Station, *F. M. Kennedy.*
 Greenville Circuit, *Martin Eaddy, W. A. Clark.*
 Anderson Circuit, *R. P. Franks, One to be supplied.*
 Pickensville Circuit, *A. B. McGilvray.*
 Jocassee Mission, *Louis Scarboro.*
 Pickens Circuit, *Fletcher Smith.*
 Walhalla Mission, *John H. Zimmerman.*
 Cokesbury School, *J. W. Wightman.*

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT—*H. C. Parsons, P. E.*

Charlotte Station, *James Stacy.*
 Charlotte Circuit, *G. W. M. Creighton, J. H. Gleason.*
 Concord Circuit, *John Watts.*
 Albermarle Circuit, *Daniel May.*

Wadesboro Station, *L. A. Johnson*.
 Wadesboro Circuit, *M. A. McKibben, Jessie S. Nelson*.
 Chesterfield Circuit, *Simpson Jones*.
 Camden Station, *W. A. Gamewell*.
 Wateree Mission, *J. L. Shuford, W. S. Black*.
 Lancaster Circuit, *A. B. Stephens*.
 Catawba Mission, *A. J. Cauthen*.
 Cheraw Station, *John R. Pickett*.
 Monroe Circuit, *G. W. Ivey, One to be supplied*.

SHELBY DISTRICT—*J. W. Kelly, P. E.*

Spartanburg Station, *H. H. Durant*.
 Spartanburg Circuit, *C. S. Walker*.
 Upper Broad River Mission, *Joseph Parker*.
 Yorkville Station, *A. H. Lester*.
 Yorkville Circuit, *John W. North*.
 Lincolnton Circuit, *Landy Wood, M. A. Connelly*.
 Shelby Circuit, *E. W. Thompson*.
 Rutherford Circuit, *Paul F. Kistler*.
 Catawba Circuit, *John W. Puett*.
 South Mountain Mission, *To be supplied*.
 Lenoir Circuit, *Abner Ervin*.
 Morganton Circuit, *James S. Ervin, One to be supplied*.
 Columbus Circuit, *B. G. Jones*.
Benjamin Jenkins, Missionary to China.
T. R. Walsh, President of Carolina Female College.
Wm. M. Wightman, President of Wofford College.
Whitefoord Smith, Professor in Wofford College.
Charles Taylor, Professor in Spartanburg Female College.
A. M. Shipp, Professor in North Carolina University.
Wm. Martin, Agent for Columbia Female College.
James H. Ward, Transferred to St. Louis Conference.

Question XVIII. Where and when shall our next Conference be held?

At Charlotte, North Carolina, November —, 1856.

CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE,

AUXILIARY TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Officers and Managers—Wm. M. Wightman, D.D., President; Charles Betts, 1st Vice President; N. Talley, 2d Vice President; C. Taylor, M.D., Treasurer; W. A. McSwain, Secretary; H. A. C. Walker, W. A. Gamewell, R. J. Boyd, W. P. Mouzon, J. T. Wightman, C. H. Pritchard, J. Stacy, W. L. Pegues, A. W. Walker, Managers.

Mission Committee.—Wm. M. Wightman, R. J. Boyd, Jas. Stacy, C. Betts, N. Talley.

Officers of Tract Society—W. Smith, President; N. Talley, Vice President; W. P. Mouzon, Secretary; R. Bryce, Treasurer. Directors, Clerical, W. Martin, S. Leard, S. Townsend, J. W. Kelly, T. R. Walsh, W. A. Gamewell. Lay, F. A. Treadwell, S. O. Talley, A. F. Dubard, T. G. Herbert, J. H. Dingle, Joseph Medley.

Joint Board of Finance—Rev. James Stacy, Chairman; H. A. C. Walker, C. H. Pritchard, Wm. Martin, Colin Murchinson, C. S. Walker, W. A. McSwain, Clerical; and J. D. Treadwell, Esq., Columbia, S. C.; Joseph P. Smith, Esq., Wadesboro, N. C.; George W. Williams, Charleston, S. C.; S. M. Stevenson, Esq., Marion C. H., S. C.; Dr. J. H. Dogan, Unionville, S. C., and Dr. W. J. T. Miller, Shelby, N. C., Lay Members.

ASSESSMENT.

The following Assessments were agreed to by the Board :

Charleston—Cumberland,	\$125 00	Marion Station,	\$50 00
“ Trinity,	150 00	Marion Circuit,	100 00
“ Bethel,	125 00	Bennettsville Circuit,	100 00
“ St. James,	40 00	Cheraw Station,	50 00
Cooper River Circuit,	100 00	Darlington Circuit,	150 00
Cypress “	100 00	Washington Station,	150 00
St. George’s “	100 00	Marion “	75 00
Walterboro “	150 00	Barnwell Circuit,	30 00
Black Swamp “	150 00	Blackville “	70 00
Allendale “	60 00	Orangeburg “	175 00
Georgetown Station,	100 00	Lexington “	75 00
Black River Circuit,	60 00	Santee “	50 00
Lynchburg “	40 00	Sumter Station,	50 00
Conwayboro “	75 00	Sumter Circuit,	150 00
Fairfield “	75 00	McDowell “	25 00
Winnsboro “	50 00	Lenoir “	30 00
Chester “	100 00	Yorkville Station,	25 00
Columbia “	50 00	York Circuit,	25 00
Charlotte Station,	30 00	Aiken Station,	20 00
Charlotte Circuit,	75 00	Graniteville Mission,	20 00
Concord “	50 00	Cokesbury Circuit,	100 00
Albermarle “	25 00	Abbeville “	100 00
Wadesboro “	125 00	Edgefield “	125 00
Wadesboro Station,	50 00	Newberry “	125 00
Chesterfield Circuit,	50 00	Newberry Station,	25 00
Camden Station,	50 00	Union Circuit,	200 00
Lancaster Circuit,	50 00	Laurens “	75 00
Pleasant Grove Circuit,	50 00	Greenville Station,	25 00
Spartanburg “	40 00	Greenville Circuit,	50 00
Spartanburg Station,	50 00	Mt. Tryon “	25 00
Rutherford Circuit,	45 00	Pickens “	25 00
Lincolnton “	70 00	Pendleton “	50 00
Catawba “	25 00	South Mountain,	25 00
Shelby “	25 00	Jocassee Mission,	25 00
Morganton “	25 00	Richland Fork,	25 00

FINANCIAL PLAN.

A Joint Board of Finance having been organized by the last Annual Conference, they have, after due deliberation, agreed to present to this Conference the following PLAN, to raise the amount necessary to meet the current claims of the Conference.

1. It shall be the duty of the Board, after ascertaining the whole amount of claim against them, annually to apportion the same to the several circuits and stations in the Conference District ; and each preacher having charge of a circuit or station, shall furnish his successor with the amount apportioned to his charge.

2. Each preacher shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amount apportioned to his charge by the Board.

3. The preacher in charge of each circuit shall (at the close of the Conference year) fix the first appointment for his successor, at the church nearest the Parsonage, (or place of boarding,) and shall allow him thereafter at least one week to arrange for the year ; during which time, (the day to be fixed the preceding year, by the preacher and stewards,) the stewards shall hold the first meeting at the Parsonage, or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of each steward to attend.

4. Each Board of Stewards, respectively, shall ascertain the whole claim against the circuit for the current year, both for quarterage and travelling expenses, as definitely as possible ; they shall then make an estimate of the family expenses of the preacher, or preachers of the circuit, including servant's hire and house rent, (if a house be rented ;) and the entire claim against the circuit for the current year, shall be apportioned to the several congregations composing the circuit, forthwith ; each congregation being notified immediately the amount it is expected to collect.

5. The stewards shall divide the congregations composing the circuit among themselves, and shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amounts apportioned to them.

6. It shall be the duty of the stewards to open subscription books in each congregation, to meet the current claim ; and shall, also, cause public collections to be taken up, if they deem it necessary, for the same purpose.

7. The stewards shall settle with the preachers quarterly, and to this end, the subscriptions shall be taken in quarterly instalments.

8. The Conference collections for the support of our bishops and superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of preach-

ers, and to meet the deficiencies in quarterage claims, shall be taken up in each congregation, as early in the year as practicable.

9. The Board of District Stewards shall be a Standing Board for four years: *Provided, nevertheless*, should any vacancy appear in the Board, such vacancies shall be supplied by the Quarterly Conference; and the District Stewards shall be charged with collecting the amount apportioned to the circuit or station where he resides.

10. The Board of District Stewards shall be charged with the work of supplying the District Parsonage with suitable furniture, and shall be authorized to take up collections in their respective charges for that object.

11. Each member of this Joint Board, and more especially the Chairman thereof, shall feel it his duty to be active in endeavoring to improve the financial condition of the church, by written correspondence, or otherwise, with the stewards, and by public addresses to the church, at suitable times and occasions.

12. The Circuit Stewards shall make arrangements early in the year, if they deem it necessary, to receive from the congregation assigned to them respectively, such provisions as they may be able to give, for the support of the preacher's family; which shall be delivered at the Parsonage at market prices, and shall be placed to the credit of the circuit, as family expenses.

13. The Board of Stewards on their respective charges, are requested to co-operate with the ministers laboring among them, in securing the amount the charge has been requested to collect as Conference collection, by private application to our wealthier members, and if necessary, by public collections in the respective congregations.

14. The respective Boards of Stewards shall have authority to retain any surplus Conference collection, to meet the deficiencies, if any, in the current expenses in the charge where it is collected.

15. The missionaries are requested to solicit donations for the benefit of the superannuated preachers, the widows and

orphans of preachers, together with the deficient effective preachers of the Conference, who may have under their care white members of the church.

16. The Presiding Elders shall constitute a *Standing* Committee, to ascertain the names of claimants, and the amount each has upon the funds managed by the Board—which information shall be placed in the hands of some member of the Board, on the second day of Conference annually.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article I. This Society shall be denominated “The Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.”

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to assist the parent society to extend its Missionary labors in the United States and elsewhere.

Art. III. The business of this Society shall be conducted by a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Managers, who shall be annually elected by the Society—all of whom shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Art. IV. At all meetings of the Board of Managers, it shall require five members to form a quorum.

Art. V. The Board shall have authority to make by-laws for regulating its own proceedings; and shall annually submit a report of its transactions and funds to the Society; and shall inform the Conference of the state of its funds.

Art. VI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Society, subject to the drafts of the Bishop, in accordance with the second Article of this Constitution.

Art. VII. Each subscriber paying \$1 annually, shall be a

member of this Society ; and the payment of \$10 shall constitute a member for life.

Art. VIII. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held sometime during the session of the Conference, at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

Art. IX. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be ex officio members of the Board of Managers.

Art. X. At all the meetings of the Society, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, or in the absence of both Vice Presidents, such member as shall be appointed by the meeting shall preside.

Art. XI. The minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

Art. XII. The Constitution shall not be altered, but by a vote of two-thirds of the Annual Conference, at the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

BY LAWS.

I. The Managers shall meet annually, at such places as may be appointed for the Annual Conference, on the day previous to its sitting.

II. At all meetings of the Board, the President, or in his absence, the Vice President, or President *pro tem.*, shall take the chair at the hour appointed ; shall preserve order, and appoint committees ; and shall, also, have authority to appoint extra meetings of the Board.

III. The Secretary shall keep a correct journal of the minutes and proceedings of the Board, and attend all its sittings when practicable, and, in case of absence, transmit the records of the Board to the place of meeting.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of receipts and expenditures, which shall be submitted,

with the necessary vouchers, to an Auditing Committee, to be appointed by the Board of each Annual Meeting.

V. The Board shall hold a meeting on a day, not later than the seventh of the Conference Sessions, at which the Treasurer shall be required to furnish a statement of the funds; and the Board shall thereupon notify the Presiding Bishops of the amount for which drafts may be made for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the South Carolina Conference Missionary Society, greet, with devout thanksgiving to God, the return of another anniversary.

This Society has directed its work more especially for the cultivation of the field lying around our own homes. The dense masses of human beings that people our plantations, or are scattered along our rivers, first claim the labors of our missionary, and the succor of those who reap the products of their toils. The church within the boundary of this Conference, numbers in membership 45,000 colored persons; and about 200,000 live within the range of its ministry. To humanize, enlighten and christianize these masses; to crane up their heavy mind to the contemplation of law, duty and the sacred ties of life; to turn them from the dreams of superstition to the sure means of happiness and heaven, is the grand mission of this Society to the negro in the South.

The providence of God has graciously turned the cupidity of Northern adventurers into the means of christianizing thousands of Africa's exile children. The untamed hordes of the desert have been snatched from a cruel bondage and barbarism, and brought to the mild servitude of our Christian homes; and though these very invaders have expelled them from every advantage of civilization and christianity in their own land, yet God has transformed this Society into another angel, to re-

ceive and succor Hagar, deserted by her former master. Traces of his finger may be seen all through the history of this mysterious people. Every event has given to the master new testimony of God's approval, and has prepared a happier home for the servant. The rage for fanaticism, and the infidel avowal of a "higher law" than the Bible, have but subserved to turn the minds of statesmen and Christians to the authority for this institution, and to create new bonds of affection and dependence between master and servant. Strange that they who clamor for lawless liberty, offer no means nor missionary to those on whom they waste their tears! If they be true friends, would not humanity prompt the expenditure of some of the revenue reaped from their labor, or at least, the money for which they were sold into bondage, to build for them churches, or to send a missionary to their dying bedside? But, alas, sympathy is lavished on their chains, but not on their souls! Ennobling morality, that curses the Samaritan, and leaves the off-cast to die! But the hand of God that severed this mighty church solely to protect the slave, has raised up for them friends in their midst; 330 plantations receive their regular pastors from this Society alone; \$20,000 were appropriated last year for this specific work—every year the field widens, new missionaries go forth, and a more munificent appropriation is made to the cause. Does it seem, then, that God has forsaken his Israel, or that he will blast this work? Will he call off these missionaries, and leave to perish thousands of little ones, that now receive from their lips the first lessons of life, or will he carry them back to a fate more appalling than the barbarism from which they have been rescued? No. As christianity was slow to penetrate barbarism, God has brought barbarism to christianity, that the christian slave might be made happier than an African King. Go with one of these devoted men to his mission field, see the multitudes that throng the church, hear the cry of broken hearts, and the shout of new-born Christians; see the light of the Gospel, as it carries the first rays of immortality to thousands, whose ancestors lived in the solid darkness of barbarism, "having no hope, and without God in the world." Is this institution, or this church, an evil? Would heaven defend a sin? Let the world vituperate, and muster

its curses and its calumnies, yet around every slave chapel, appointed armies pitch their tents, and weave together their sword of flame. The cause is God's; let the world ostracize that church, that preaches the gospel to the poor, yet that Hand, that lead the first missionaries through fiercer trials, the blood of the Pantheon, and the fire and rack of Pagan torture, can turn these very persecutions into means of enlarging her prosperity, and establishing her perpetuity. Truth is with us. Our grappling hooks have fastened themselves in the Bible. "If God be for us, who can be against us." Let the missionary penetrate the malaria swamp, cross the rich delta, preach beneath burning suns, or pray beside the bed of a dying negro, still God is with him. Few, indeed, die, but the sacrifice is ready; true to his charge, he lays him down in the intrepidity of duty, and wins for himself the crown of martyrdom. Can a church of martyrs die? Is her name the great blot on christianity, and her temple the pest-house of sin? Let thousands who have been rescued and redeemed by this Society, testify if they have been cursed by slavery. Heaven itself could bear witness, even if earth were wanting of evidence. The success of the missionary, the rapid spread of the field, the ingathering of thousands, the enlarged liberality of the church, the approving smile of God resting upon those broad lands, speak in language distinct as his own divine utterance, "I am with thee."

This Society does not confine its work to our home mission-but surveys broader and more distant fields. "The earth is the Lord's." The advance of civilization, and the bringing together of the nations of the globe, have now made the wants of the world the wants of every man. The sorrows of the heathen now rest on the christian heart. China, with her teeming, dying millions; Japan, Australia, South America and the far west, cry for christian help. Let the church hear that cry. The hand of God is opening her mission. That hand is leveling the mountains and bridging the ocean, to prepare for her advent among all nations. Man is ceasing the more to be narrow-minded, exclusive and isolated. That wall of selfishness, stronger than granite, which for so many centuries hid one nation from another, and barred up commerce, and checked the

diffusion of civilization, is now beginning to sink down before the advance of christianity, and nations are flowing together, mingling their interests, and imparting mutual strength. The idea of plans embracing the globe is now at work in the mind of man. Gigantic schemes are projected. The world meets in exhibitions of industry, or on platforms of reformation, or a whole hemisphere wars ; commerce is now weaving continents together, art is stretching an intelligent nerve of fire from city to city, the press has planted its lever on the fulcrum of the globe, and shakes the great social fabric with every revolution of its cylinder. These comprehensive plans, now at work in the mind, will soon take a religious development ; christianity will girdle the globe, and the great common heart of humanity, beating in unison with the will of God, will soon send its every fresh flow of sympathy and love to revive and gladden a wretched world. The work is advancing. Let the church take the vantage ground and outposts of civilization. The providence of God is overruling every event for the spread of the gospel. The East has thrown open her gates of gold, and missionaries are entering in every trade ship. The treasures of Australia and California have rapidly spread christianity westward over the American Continent, and eastward over the isles of three oceans.

The work is God's ; language, literature and commerce, war and peace, invention, conquest and discovery ; even persecution and pestilence, flame, famine and flood — all, all the achievements of man, the elements of nature, the triumphs of the church, the ministry of angels, the plans of the Godhead — all, all have been directed to the accomplishment of this glorious end, the redemption of a world, the transformation of its dungeons into palaces of light, and its exiles of sorrow and suffering into heirs of God, and the morning stars to sing together over a brighter creation. Let the church work with God ; avail herself of these exhaustless resources ; centre these world embracing plans at the cross ; rally her strength, diffuse her light, enlarge her liberality ; the work, man, God, call up the christian church to turn the powers of civilization into the levers of christianity.

In connection with this broad field of missionary enterprise,

the Board would call attention to our mission in China, where our beloved Jenkins and his co-laborers still patiently battle against the ignorance and vice of that heathen land. Let us invoke the blessings of God on their labors, and call earnestly upon the church for an increase of men and means.

With regard to our mission field at home, the Board beg leave to recommend the following changes: The enlargement of the Tiger and Enoree Mission, the establishment of three new Missions, one on the Waccamaw River, to be called the Upper Waccamaw Mission; another on the west side of Broad River, to be called the Upper Broad River Mission; also, another in Pickens District, to be called Walhalla Mission, and the appointment of a Missionary to the city of Charleston.

During the present year, 26 Missions, two of which lying among the mountains and one in the middle country, confined chiefly to a sparse white population, and the remaining number scattered along our seaboard and rivers, have been served by 33 Missionaries. The membership within this field numbers 841 whites in full connection, 148 on probation, 301 children catechized; and among the colored people 7,917 are in full connection, 2,320 on probation, and 5,716 children under regular catechetical instruction. The Board would still recommend the concentration of the work as far as practicable, so that one church may serve several plantations. This will not only lessen the outlay and the labor of the Missionary and bring a wider field within the range of his ministry, but will serve to stimulate and strengthen the faith of the worshippers.

The Board would call upon the Society to render devout thanks unto God for the preservation of the lives of the Missionaries, and their encouraging success during the present year. The field is still opening under new auspices; the patrons and the public generally are more ready to promote the enterprise; let us invoke the God of the harvest to send out new laborers, and call upon the Church and the Christian master for an enlarged liberality to humanize, enlighten and save, thousands of slaves brought by a mysterious providence under the protection of our own homes.

All which the Board would most respectfully submit.

CONSTITUTION OF THE TRACT SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Article 1. This Society shall be known as "The Tract Society of the S. C. Conference."

Art. II. It shall be auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, whose purposes it shall promote, by aiding its funds, and by colportage, or otherwise, circulating the publications which receives its sanction.

Art. III. Any perssn may become a member of this Society by the payment of \$1 per annum, or a member for life by the payment of \$10 at any one time. Life members shall be entitled to receive Tracts, at any one time, to the amount of one half the sum paid by them.

Art. IV. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Directors—ministers and laymen—who shall constitute a Board of Managers, any five of whom shall be a quorum.

Art. V. The Board shall meet on a day not later than the second of the Session of the Conference, to fix the time and place, and to make other arrangements for the annual meeting.

Art. VII. At the annual meeting of the Society, the Annual Report of the Board of Directors shall be submitted; also that of the Treasurer or Agent, duly certified. Annual subscriptions shall be renewed, and officers elected for the ensuing year.

VII. This Constitution shall not be altered, but by a majority of the Society present, and voting on the proposed alteration.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE TRACT SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the Tract Society greet you, brethren, on the occasion of your second anniversary. It is

true, we cannot invite you to rejoice over the triumphant achievements of the past year, nor present a glowing detail of its wonderful success. The cause of truth and righteousness is always slow in its advances, and its beginning generally attended with much discouragement and trial of faith. But the history of the past assures us of its ultimate success. We are in the incipency of a great and noble enterprise. This is the seed time, and we may not yet expect to reap the rich and glorious harvest. We must wait until people have become acquainted with the nature and designs of our association, before we can look for their cordial concurrence and support. During the past year there have been various circumstances to retard our operations. The last winter, as we all well remember, was one of unusual severity, rendering it almost impossible for our Agent to accomplish anything for several months. In many sections of the country the shortness of the crops and the high price of provisions, operated in addition to the stringency in monetary matters felt everywhere, very much against large contributions or heavy sales of tracts and books; and when it is stated that our Agent in the first year very naturally visited the more prominent and wealthy points in the Conference District, and left to be visited in his rounds this year the more distant and less able sections, we see abundant reason why the collections this year have not been larger. Nevertheless, when we contrast the amount raised for this cause with those which have been realised for other enterprises during the early period of their existence, we have great reason to thank God and take courage.

It behoves the Society to consider well the importance of the work in which they are engaged, and the pressing necessities which demand our most vigorous exertions. Let it be remembered what efforts are making by the world to circulate cheap publications of the vilest and most demoralizing kind, exerting a baneful influence upon society. The circulation of these is not confined to the stores of our cities and towns. With an energy and industry worthy of a better cause, every means is employed for their diffusion at Railroad depots, and in public conveyances, until the public mind is deeply inoculated with the poisonous virus. What better mode of counter-

acting their pernicious influence can be devised than the publication and wide circulation of tracts and good books which shall elevate the public taste, refine the public manners, and purify the public morals? Shall we permit it to be said that we are less active in availing ourselves of those means which the progressive spirit of the age affords for the accomplishment of good, than the enemies of truth and virtue are in employing them for evil?

It should be borne in mind that the great want of the age is not large and labored works, folios, quartos and octavos; but tracts and small volumes simple in style and cheap in price. We must remember how much profound philosophy is embodied in that saying, "Let me make the songs of a nation, and I care not who makes the laws." The publications which are needed are those which are adapted to the popular mind, to the less informed, and especially to the young. It is impossible to estimate the influence which has been exerted on Society by such books and tracts as Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, Baxter's *Saint's Rest*, the *Dairyman's Daughter*, and the *Shepherd of Salisbury Plain*. These are the kind of books which take hold upon the feelings of men, affect the hearts of women, and bring tears to the children's eyes. And it is books of this description which the people want, and which the people will read.

The Board would desire especially to bring to the view of our brethren, the members of this Conference, how excellent an opportunity is afforded them by this organization for securing to themselves valuable aid in their glorious work of diffusing Christian light and knowledge. If every preacher would avail himself of the facilities which this Society offers, and act as a colporteur of our own publications, he would doubtless find them valuable auxiliaries to his ministry.

The Agent of our Society reports, that he has received during the past year \$2,224 04—that he has distributed 800,000 pages of tracts, and given away upwards of \$1000 worth of books and tracts.

The Board cannot conclude their report without urging upon the Society increased efforts to make our organization effective and successful. With an humble dependence upon God, and

with earnest prayers for his blessing upon our labors, let us, brethren, renew our exertions, and resolve to give to the good cause in which we are engaged an impulse worthy of its character and objects.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The following resolution was adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Society :

Resolved, That all the preachers be earnestly requested to act as agents or colporteurs in selling books and tracts, and where it is out of their power to act themselves, they suggest proper persons to the Agent, and that none be appointed but with their consent or recommendation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg respectfully to report :

That they have given to this important department of the operations and interests of the Church as much careful consideration as the limited time at their command would allow. From the report placed in their hands they present the following statements, which will show the condition and prospects of the several institutions of learning which are under the patronage of the South Carolina Conference.

1. *Wofford College*.—This is an institution, literary and scientific, established under charter of the Legislature, which on the 1st October last entered upon the 3d year of its operations. There are in attendance 62 matriculated Students ; and upwards of 20 in the Preparatory Department. The four regular college classes are now organized ; the Faculty is fully officered ; and the Curriculum of Studies is as ample and advanced as that of any of the first class colleges of the United States. The scholarship and deportment of the students in

attendance have been praiseworthy ; and the prospects of the College are flattering.

2. *The Cokesbury School*.—There have been in attendance at this Institution, located in Abbeville District, 80 students, during the past year. Among these were 8, who, under the appointment of the Conference, received their tuition and board on the Holloway foundation:—these are all sons of travelling preachers. Besides these, there were three candidates for the ministry, whose tuition fees were not charged. The progress of the students is satisfactory, and their conduct generally has been orderly. The school was visited by a gracious revival of religion during the summer. Its income has been sufficient to meet its expenditures, and it is free from pecuniary embarrassment. The importance of sustaining it with a large patronage will be felt by every member of the South Carolina Conference, to which body, by the enlightened liberality of the late George Holloway, it yields such inestimable advantages.

3. *The Carolina Female College*.—This is an Institution of high grade, for the liberal education of young ladies,—and located 10 miles from Wadesboro, Anson Co., N. C. It has been in operation several years, and been popular and useful. But its success during the past year has been interfered with by a case or two of sickness, producing, unnecessarily a panic among the pupils. The state of its resources is such as to lead the Board of Trustees to apply to the Conference for the appointment of an Agent for the purpose of collecting funds for its special relief. The Rev. S. H. Brown is respectfully suggested to the presiding Bishop as a suitable person for this work.

4. *The Spartanburg Female College*.—This Institution has entered successfully upon the second year of its scholastic exercise. There are about 90 pupils in attendance, whose general progress in study has been not only satisfactory, but in most cases highly gratifying. The College has enjoyed a remarkable exemption from sickness during the year ; and a fine religious influence has prevailed among the young ladies. The friends of the Institution hail this early success as the first fruits of a rich harvest of happy results to the Church and country. The Committee beg to remind the Conference that by

the provisions of the charter ——— clerical members of the Board of Trustees are to be elected at the present session, to serve for the next two years.

5. *The Columbia Female College.*—In the month of April last a building, 170 feet front, and 115 feet in depth in the centre, intended to contain 73 rooms,—among them a commodious chapel—was commenced. The work went on satisfactorily until September, when the funds in the hands of the Trustees being exhausted, the contractor suspended active operations. The friends of this important enterprise feel great solicitude in its behalf. The Committee are persuaded that this solicitude is shared by the Conference; and that a generous and hearty co-operation will be given to the endeavors of an Agent to collect the means necessary to the completion of this building at the earliest day. The Trustees respectfully ask that the presiding Bishop be requested to appoint an active and efficient Agent, untrammelled with a family.

The Committee need not state their conviction of the vital importance to the well-being of society, and the permanence and enlargement of the operations of the church, of education, controlled and pervaded by religious principle. The sentiment and determination of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on this subject, are known to the world. We have cause of deepest gratitude to God, for the advanced position which the South Carolina Conference now occupies in this important field of her operations. The members of our communion enjoy the facilities of liberal scholastic training under the forming hands of Professors and Teachers, who, to scholarly ability and aptitude to instruct, add a hearty devotion to Christ, and a due sense of responsibility for the moral and religious training of the hundreds of young persons of both sexes entrusted to them. By all our love for the souls of the rising generation; by all our desire for the advancement of true religion in the country; by all our hope for the welfare of unborn generations, and the perpetuity of those doctrines and usages which Methodism has entrusted to us, in part, their guardians; let the ministers of the gospel not be wanting to themselves at the present time. Let us feel these responsibilities. Let us put forth our influence in the thousand family circles which we visit. Let us

awake a spirit of enlarged liberality among our membership, to meet with enlightened zeal the claims of this important department of our operations; to supply pupils to the literary institutions which are already in operation; to clear off pecuniary embarrassments from those who need aid, and to supply permanent endowments to all. And in the family circles, in the pulpit, and in the closet, let us not fail to invoke the richest blessings of the God of Providence and grace upon them.

The Committee offer in conclusion, for adoption by the Conference, the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1, That we entertain an undiminished and increasing interest in the educational movements of the church, and pledge ourselves to suitable efforts to promote this cause.

Resolved, 2, That we respectfully request the Presiding Bishop to re-appoint those members of the Conference, who are at present engaged as officers in the literary institutions connected with this Annual Conference.

Resolved, 3, That we will give all necessary aid and encouragement to the Agents who may be appointed to serve the interests of any of these institutions.

Resolved, 4, That we hail with pleasure the steady advance of Wofford College, and will use our best exertions to recommend it to the largest patronage, as well as to secure donations for its library and cabinet of minerals, and an enlargement of its permanent endowment by legacies from our friends.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. M. WIGHTMAN,
Chairman.

YORKVILLE, Nov. 29, 1856.

A COURSE OF STUDY

For the Itinerant Probationers and Deacons of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to be uniformly observed in all the Annual Conferences, as provided for by the late General Conference.

FIRST YEAR—The Bible as to *Doctrines*, with reference to Wesley's Notes, the Bible Dictionaries and Commentaries of

our own Publication ; Concordance and Gaston's Collections of Sacred Scriptures, Wesley's Sermons, Fletcher's Appeal and Christian Perfection, English Grammar and Composition.

SECOND YEAR—The Bible as to *Ordinances* or *Sacraments*, Reference books the same as the first year. Watson's Life of Wesley, Bishop Watson's Apology, Fletcher's Christian Perfection, Methodist Discipline, Geography, Composition.

THIRD YEAR—The Bible as to *History* and *Chronology*. Reference books as before. The first and second parts of Watson's Institutes, Gregory's Church History, Rhetoric, Written Essay, or Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR—The Bible generally, reference books the same. The third and fourth parts of Watson's Institutes, Powell on Apostolical Succession, Old Christianity contrasted with the Novelties of Popery, by Gideon Ouseley, Logic, Written Essay, or Sermon.

The foregoing course is considered obligatory upon the several classes of candidates. The following is for such as have ability, time and inclination to accomplish more—on which, or any part of it, such only as desire it should be examined :

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.—The Bible continued, Fletcher's Checks, Life of Dr. Episcopius, Mosheim's Church History, Dr. Elliott on Romanism, D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation, Butler's Analogy, Natural Philosophy, Moral Philosophy, Civil History ; and if any desire to proceed still further, they can include in their course other sciences and the dead languages, aided by the best authors, and such private instruction as may be within their reach.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

For the First Year—S. H. Browne, J. T. Wightman, F. A. Mood.

For the Second Year—J. Stacy, C. H. Pritchard, W. H. Fleming.

For the Third Year—W. P. Mouzon, H. M. Mood, A. M. Chritzberg.

For the Fourth Year—W. A. Gamewell, Charles Taylor, S. Leard.

COLLEGES.

WOFFORD COLLEGE.

TRUSTEES—H. A. C. Walker, President; W. A. Gamewell, Tracy R. Walsh, W. A. McSwain, Charles Betts, Charles S. Walker, John R. Pickett, Simpson Bobo, J. Wofford Tucker, Harvey Wofford, Dr. James H. Dogan, George W. Williams and Robert Bryce.

FACULTY—Rev. Wm. M. Wightman, D.D., President, and Professor of Moral and Mental Science.

David Duncan, A.M., Professor of Ancient Languages.

Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D.D., Professor (elect) of English Literature.

James H. Carlisle, Professor of Mathematics.

Warren Dupre, Professor of Natural Science.

Herman Baer, Tutor of Modern Languages and Hebrew.

Robert W. Boyd, Principal of the Preparatory Department.

Visiting Committee appointed by the Conference—Rev. Joseph Cross, D.D., S. B. Jones, Charles Taylor.

CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE, ANSON, N. C.

FACULTY—Tracy R. Walsh, President, and Professor of Mental and Moral Science.

J. B. Gilliam, A.M., Mathematics and Natural Science.

C. R. Twitty, Ancient and Modern Languages.

L. F. Whitaker, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Mrs. A. Cone and Miss L. C. Campbell, Assistants in Music.

Miss Amanda M. Cole, Drawing, Painting and French.

Miss P. A. Beverly, Assistant in English.

James Plunkett and lady, Steward and Stewardess.

Mrs. M. Plunkett and Mrs. S. Thomas, Joint Matrons.

Visiting Committee of Conference—H. C. Parsons, S. H. Browne and Bond English.

COKESBURY INSTITUTE

TRUSTEES—W. M. Wightman, President; H. A. C. Walker, S. Leard, N. Tally, Henry H. Durant, W. A. Gamewell, R. J. Boyd, F. G. Thomas, M.D., Charles Smith, Henry A. Jones and F. A. Connor.

FACULTY—Rev. George H. Round, A.M., Rector.

Rev. James W. Wightman, Languages.

Alfred H. Turpin, Assistant Teacher.

Visiting Committee of Conference—R. J. Boyd, H. H. Durant, John T. Wightman.

SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.

FACULTY—J. Wofford Tucker, President, and Professor of English Literature.

Rev. Charles Taylor, M.D., Professor of Natural Science and Mathematics.

Miss Phœbe Paine, Instructress in Modern Languages, Botany, Physiology, Descriptive Astronomy, Ancient and Sacred Geography, &c.

St. P. E. Saunier, Professor of Music.

TRUSTEES—W. M. Wightman, D.D., W. A. Gamewell, H. H. Durant, W. A. McSwain, Charles S. Walker, H. A. C. Walker and John R. Pickett.

Visiting Committee of Conference—Wm. A. McSwain, Wm. Martin and S. B. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Wm. M. Wightman, D.D., Chairman, Whitefoord Smith, D.D., Joseph Cross, D.D., James Stacy, Tracy R. Walsh.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

In compliance with a previous call, a number of the members of the South Carolina Conference met on Friday afternoon, 3 o'clock, November 21st, 1856, in the Court House of Yorkville, South Carolina, for the purpose of organizing a Methodist Historical Society.

Whatcoat A. Gamewell was called to the Chair, and Paul A. M. Williams requested to act as Secretary.

The Secretary then read to the meeting, "the Constitution and Circular of the Methodist Historical Society of the Baltimore Annual Conference," when, on motion, a Committee of five, consisting of Paul A. M. Williams, Abel M. Chritzberg, F. A. Mood, A. G. Stacy and W. T. Caston, were appointed to draft a Constitution, and nominate officers.

After consultation, the Committee reported, through their Chairman, the following Constitution and nominations, which were submitted and adopted :

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be denominated the "Historical Society of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

Article II. The object of the Society shall be to collect and preserve information, in connection with the rise and progress of Methodism within the bounds of the South Carolina Annual Conference, and elsewhere ; likewise objects of curiosity and interest, in the form of manuscripts, books, pamphlets, medals, portraits, &c., &c., and anything that may shed light upon this interesting subject.

Article III. The property of the Association shall be deposited at Wofford College, and each article numbered and labelled legibly with the name of the Association, the name of the donor, and date at which it was presented—the number, &c. to correspond with a like entry upon a register kept for that purpose.

Article IV. All the property of the Association shall be open to the inspection of the members of the Society and others, under such restrictions and regulations as may be adopted by the Board of Curators; and in no case, shall any article of any kind be removed from the Museum, or Depository; which Depository shall contain, under the same restrictions and regulations, for the benefit of the members, a Library, as rapidly formed as circumstances may admit.

Article V. The interests of the Society shall be under the supervision of a President, three Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Recording Secretary, three Curators, and a Board of nine Managers; the said officers to be elected annually, and continue in office until their successors be appointed.

Article VI. The Officers and Managers shall meet annually at the seat of the Conference Session. *Five* shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, the Curators being *ex officio* members of the Board.

The Society shall meet annually during the Conference Sessions, for the purpose of hearing a Lecture, electing officers and attending to any other necessary business. The times and places of the meeting of the Board and Society shall be made known by the President of the Association.

Article VII. An initiation fee of *fifty cents*, and an annual contribution of *fifty cents*, shall constitute a member for one year; ten dollars a Life Member; and donations of value shall constitute the donor an Honorary Member.

Article VIII. The Board of Managers shall have charge of the interests of the Society, and the Curators during the intervals of the meeting of said Board; the remaining officers shall perform the duties usually appertaining to such offices.

Article IX. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, *provided* such alteration has been previously approved by the Board of Managers.

The following names were then subscribed to the Constitution, by the payment of the initiation fee and annual subscription:

Daniel W. Seale,
John W. Crider,

Chas. S. Walker,
Colin Murchinson,

Wm. W. Mood,
 A. M. Chritzberg,
 John D. W. Crook,
 Samuel B. Jones,
 Whitefoord Smith,
 C. H. Pritchard,
 Wm. H. Fleming,
 Thomas Raysor,
 R. J. Boyd,
 A. W. Walker,
 Osgood A. Darby,
 W. T. Caston,
 Nicholas Talley,
 Charles Taylor,
 Bond English,
 James Stacy,
 F. A. Mood,
 Paul A. M. Williams,
 E. J. Meynardie,
 Wm. A. Hemingway,
 J. F. Walker,
 John A. Porter,
 Thos. G. Herbert,
 Wm. Carson,
 J. T. Du Bose,
 A. L. Smith,
 J. W. Murray,
 J. H. Wilson,
 Robert Bryce,
 John Finger,
 Tracy R. Walsh,
 A. M. Shipp,
 James W. Wightman,

H. A. C. Walker,
 M. Pucket,
 A. B. Stephens,
 Wm. M. Wightman,
 J. A. Minnick,
 John R. Picket,
 James S. Erwin,
 L. A. Johnson,
 J. P. Hughes,
 R. W. Burgess,
 Samuel Leard,
 Charles Betts,
 Hartwell Spain,
 Joseph Cross,
 W. A. Gamewell,
 A. G. Stacy,
 John W. Kelly,
 F. Milton Kennedy,
 D. J. Simmons,
 S. Bobo,
 W. L. Pegues,
 J. W. Miller,
 J. S. Connor,
 R. R. Pegues,
 G. K. Andrews,
 S. Townsend,
 John Watts,
 A. H. Lester,
 G. W. Moore,
 Landy Wood,
 G. H. Round,
 Wm. Crook,

The following persons were nominated and elected to compose the Board until the next regular election :

W. A. GAMEWELL, *President*.
 WM. M. WIGHTMAN, *First Vice President*.
 WHITEFOORD SMITH, *Second Vice President*.
 NICHOLAS TALLEY, *Third Vice President*.
 PAUL A. M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.
 A. G. STACY, *Recording Secretary*.
 THOMAS RAYSOR, *Treasurer*.

CURATORS :

Robert Bryce, W. T. Caston, and S. Bobo.

MANAGERS.

Robert J. Boyd, William Martin, S. Leard, A. M. Chritz-

berg, James Stacy, Joseph Cross, Wm. A. McSwain, F. Asbury Mood, and Samuel B. Jones.

Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., was appointed to deliver a Lecture at our regular meeting.

Rev. Henry Asbury was, by resolution, respectfully requested to furnish the Society at his earliest convenience, such manuscripts or personal information as he may be able to command, relating to the life of his venerable father, Rev. Daniel Asbury, one of the pioneers of Methodism in the South.

The Society made a similar request of Rev. W. A. Gamewell, in reference to his father, Rev. John Gamewell.

The Secretary was requested to prepare an article for the minutes and S. C. Advocate, setting forth before the public the object and purpose of this Society.

The act of incorporation by the State Legislature was left optional with the Board of Curators.

F. A. Mood was requested to procure for the use of this Society the old Church Records of Charleston now in his possession.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer were constituted a Committee, and empowered to use any funds in the Treasury for the purchase of old books, documents, &c., &c., at their discretion.

There being no other business, the Society adjourned, to meet at the call of the President.

W. A. GAMEWELL, *President*.

PAUL A. M. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY.

Dear Brethren :—By formal resolution I have been appointed to prepare “an address” for “the public, setting forth the object and purpose” of our Association, and urging upon all lovers and friends of Methodism to aid us in the praiseworthy enterprise upon which we are now entering. Our second

article defines our object to be "to collect and preserve information in connection with the rise and progress of Methodism within the bounds of the South Carolina Annual Conference and elsewhere; likewise objects of curiosity and interest in the form of manuscripts, books, pamphlets, medals, portraits, autographs, &c., &c., and anything that may shed light upon this interesting subject." It is further proposed "to form a library as rapidly as possible for the benefit of the members." These objects will, no doubt, commend themselves to your hearty approval, and elicit your active co-operation. As a Church we have no written history of our origin, progress and movements in the South. Dr. Bang's "History of the Methodist Episcopal Church" gives only a few facts illustrative of our early struggles and triumphs. Jesse Lee records but few. The works of Jenkins and Travis go more into detail, and furnish us a more full account of "what God hath wrought" in our conference by Methodist instrumentality, but they are too meagre to assume the dignified position of History, especially as they were chiefly written from memory, and contain many errors both in names and dates. Our earlier periodicals contain many facts and incidents worthy of preservation. There are here and there a few old Methodists yet lingering amongst us, who lived and labored in the days of Asbury and his coadjutors, in whose memories are stored away many things of interest, and in whose possession may, perhaps, be found brief journals, autograph letters, plans of circuits, class books, stewards' books, &c., &c. Now, is it not highly important that we make haste to gather up these fragments, that nothing of them be lost? This can be done by inquiry and personal application. It is, therefore, earnestly hoped that every member and friend of our Society will bestir himself in this good work; for what is done in it, must be done quickly. Our old members are passing away, and a few years later will greatly add to the difficulty of carrying out successfully our objects. Many objects of interest exist amongst us, that we should not willingly let die. It is known that several memorials of Bishop Asbury are in possession of friends in our bounds; let us make haste to gather them up, and hand them down to posterity. By the collection of books, manuscripts, &c., the future historian of

Southern Methodism will be greatly aided in his labors, and may furnish us with a record of facts and incidents, of which none of us need be ashamed. Any person having anything as above specified, that they would donate to the Society, can transmit to either one of the Curators, as may be most convenient; and those who may have in their possession articles of value, from which they would not be willing to part without a consideration, will confer a favor by informing either "the President, Secretary, or Treasurer, as they have been constituted a Committee, with power to use any funds in the treasury, for the purchase of old books, church records, documents, &c., &c., that they may deem of interest to the Society." Brethren in the ministry of the Southern Methodist Church, whether of our own or other Conferences, who may read this Address, are respectfully requested to forward any such articles in their possession, or communicate information of their locality and possessor, that they may be procured, if possible, at an early day.

It will be observed that our Constitution does not restrict membership to the ministry, or communion of the Church; any person favoring our objects, and paying the requisite amount, may become a member. I hereby cordially invite all who may wish to become members, whether ministers or laymen, male or female, to do so, by forwarding their names and *one dollar* to the Treasurer, Rev. Thomas Raysor, Newberry Court House, South Carolina.

All who may read this brief exposition, are kindly solicited to consider its object, and aid, as far as may be in their power, the accomplishment of the wishes of the Society.

By order of the Society:

PAUL. A. M. WILLIAMS,

Sec. H. S. of S. C. An. Conf.

WALTERBORO P. O., COLLETON DIST., S. C.

Tabular View of the Missions in the So. Ca. Conference.

Missions.	By whom Served the Past Year.	Plantations served.	Preaching places.	Whites on probation.	Whites in full connection	Colored on probation.	Colored in full connection	Children catechised.
1. Santee,	{ Joseph Parker and R. W. Burgess,	13	11			75	500	200
2. Waccamaw,	{ W. Carson and G. W. Stokes,	15	5		32	248	480	334
3. Black River,	{ John A. Mood,	11		14	80	240	1220	350
4. Black Mingo,	{ Joshua DuBose,	9		2	8	3	200	236
5. Graniteville and Aiken,	{ John A. Porter and J. S. Connor,				173		97	92
6. Tiger and Enoree	{ John Finger,	30				52	241	650
7. Society Hill,	{ J. P. Hughes,					16	167	215
8. Jocassee,	{ L. Scarborough,		13	14	142			
9. Savannah River,	{ J. W. D. Crook and D. A. Ogburn,	11				27	439	202
10. Cooper River,	{ George W. Moore,	45	5			198	573	350
11. South Mountain,	{ W. B. Currie,		12	48	203			169
12. Edisto,	{ Charles Wilson,	12	8			170	502	180
13. Liberty Chapel,	{ John A. Minick,	6			26		141	157
14. Congaree,	{ N. Talley,	6	15		11	18	310	280
15. Catawba,	{ W. A. Clarke,	7	4		7	55	134	130
16. Ashepoo and Combahee,	{ P. G. Bowman and E. A. Price,	25				223	681	660
17. Richland Fork,	{ A. L. Smith.					190	19	160
18. St. George and St. Paul,	{ A. Nettles,	8		17	28	105	105	97
19. Beaufort,	{ J. R. Coburn,	16	7		16	89	151	239
20. Prince Williams,	{ Wm. Hutto,	12	6	1	6	44	237	240
21. Wateree,	{ A. J. Cauthen and A. H. Harmon,	35			38	205	820	740
22. St. Andrews,	{ A. R. Danner,		4		17		400	55
23. Oakatee,	{ A. J. Green,				22	14	127	202
Total,		161	90	96	809	1974	7545	5938



REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of the S. C. Conference Missionary Society,

FOR THE YEAR 1856.

E. H. MYERS, *Treasurer, in account with the Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference.*

NOVEMBER, 1856.

Dr.

To Collections as follows :

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Charleston—Cumberland, by Rev W P Mouson : col from whites, 169, col'd 139 10, white S S 38 40, col'd 39 87½, monthly prayer meetings 24 75...	\$411 12
Trinity, by Rev J Cross : S S 123 27, col'd S S 58, col'd Fem Miss Soc 161, pub col 46 73, other col's 152, of which 20 is to con S Weston 1 m Par Soc, 10 to con Ansel Dehshire 1 m Conf Soc, 10 to con Nelson Richardson 1 m Conf Soc.....	541 00
Bethel, by Rev J T Wightman : pub col 136, S S 74 39, col'd cong'n 344 04, of which 20 is to con Rev U S Bird 1 m, 20 to con Cæsar Cruikshanks 1 m, 10 to con Rev H A C Walker 1 m Conf Soc.....	554 43
St James, by Rev W E Boone : part to make Mrs T R Salter 1 m.....	91 00
Cooper River ct, by Rev W W Jones.....	278 00
Cooper River miss, by Rev G W Moore : Rev P G Stoney, 20, J Cannon 5, O Harleston 5, W P Ingraham 15, est Wm Bell 25, Charles Graves 10, col 20.....	100 00
St George's ct, by Rev P A M Williams : 20 to con Rev D J Simmons 1 m....	191 00
Cypress ct, by Rev W H Lawton.....	429 00
St George's and St Paul's miss, by Rev A Nettles : E Callan 16, R Callan 5, J Callan 5, T Peeples 10, J Platt 2, D F Driggers 3 05, T Lanacy, 3 68, R Perry 5, J Braker 5, P Messervy 2, col 11 60, Col R Perry 5, W Wescoat 25, J W Motte 10, Hon R S Bedon 25, J Platt 5, J Braker 5, Mrs Wilkins 25, R Callan 10.....	178 33
Pon Pon miss, by Rev W C Kirkland : Bluff Church—Col Lewis Morris, 150, Dr G W Morris 50, H H Manigault 30, W H Manigault 25, Mrs A E Gibbs 20, col 2 ; Pon Pon Church—Chas Baring, Esq, 25, Hon H S King 50, Mrs R M Allston 25, Mrs Sarah King 15, Hon Wm Elliott 10, M W Clement 10, R J LaRoche 10 ; Mrs A D Mitchel 20, Clifford Church—L C	

Clifford 100, R B Jenkins 50, col 2; Toogoodoo Church—Hon J B Grimal 40, Hon J S Ashe 50, J T Marshall 50, Jas King 40, Col F Jos E Jenkins 30, Edwin D La Roche 20; Stono Church—Jas C Meggett 25, John LaRoche 25, J C Whaley 20, Wm E Simmons 20, A S King 10, Dr Wilkinson 10, F Wilkinson 5, Mrs A Wilkinson 5, add'l 20.....	964 00
Walterboro ct, by Rev A W Walker : 205, J Whetstone 30.....	235 00
Ashepoo and Combahee miss, by Rev P G Bowman : D Blake, Esq, 150, est of A M S Heyward 150, W C Heyward, Esq, 150, C Heyward, Esq, 200, J B Heyward, Esq, 150, W Heyward, Esq, 200, C T Lowndes, Esq, 100, Capt W Godfrey 30, H S Rhett, Esq, 32, Miss J G Elliott, 15, Mrs A E Gibbs 14, est of Mason Smith 40, J Nichols, Esq, 100, R Chisholm 40.....	1,371 00
Prince Williams miss, by Rev W Hutto : est F Fraser 60, J Chisholm, Esq, 50, T H Spann, Esq, 30, Miss M M Perry 15, H M Stuart, Esq, 15—all for 1855; T M Hanckel, Esq, 150, R Chisolm, Esq, 50, Capt E Barnwell 25, Mrs Gen Eustis 30, J A Copeland, Esq, 5, col'd people 3, J Edenfield 1...	434 00
Black Swamp ct, by Rev S Leard : subscriptions and collections 411 32, col'd congregation at Kadesh 5.....	416 32
Allandale ct, by Rev A G Stacy.....	255 14
Savannah River miss, by Rev J D W Crook : est Col Chisolm 30, A S Izzard 100, J J Pringle Smith 50, est Robert Smith 50, J Joyner Smith 40, F P Harlee 10, H Rose 20, S Whitehead 5—all for 1855; J Manigault 50, M C King 30, est H Taylor 30, T Hardy 10.....	425 00
Oakatie miss, by Rev A J Green : Geo Edwards 100.....	100 00
Beaufort miss, by Rev J R Coburn : B B Sams 25, J J Smith 40, Dr T Means 30, Mrs E Rhett 12, S B Fuller 50, Dr Thos Fuller 50, paid at Yorkville 50	257 00
Edisto and Jehossee Island, by Rev C Wilson : Hon W Aiken 150, J J Mikell 100, W Eddings 50, E C Bailey 50, Dr W Bailey 20.....	370 00

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Georgetown, by Rev T Mitchell : May col 93, Par miss soc 59 99, miss prayer meetings 25 80, col'd cong'n, to make Rev J W Miller and lady, and Dr Chas Williams 1 m's Par Soc, 99 59, ann sub 122 50, of which 20 to con Rev's T Mitchell and J W Miller 1 m's Conf Soc.....	400 88
Santee miss, by Rev J Parker : Andrew Johnston 30, Rev Wm C Johnston 20, Maj W R Maxwell 30, Mrs J H Ladson 75, Thos L Horry 30, Maj G Manigault 20, Mr W B Pringle 25, Hon C C Pinckney 25, Mrs E B Lowndes 25.....	280 00
Sampit miss, est of Withers 300, col'd people at Friendfield 10, J F Pyatt, Esq, 80, Jno Pyatt 80	470 00
Black River and Pee Dee miss, Francis Weston 50, Hon R F W Alston 50, Chas P Alston 40, est Robt Collins 30, S A Grier 20, J R Easterling, Esq, 20, Wm H Trapier 20, Yauhane ch 29 41, Chapel ch 16 25, Mr Atkinson, 10, E P Coachman, Esq, 5, Miss W Skinner 5, Mrs Robert Pringle 15, J H Tucker 30, miscellaneous 3 78.....	344 44
Black River ct, by Rev M L Banks.....	268 00
Black M ngo miss, by Rev J T Dubose.....	290 00
Lynchburg ct, by Rev L A Johnson.....	50 00
Darlington ct, by Rev A McCorquodale : 271, Rev W Byrd 25, to con self 1 m.	296 00
Cheraw station, by Rev B English : 111 25, anonymous 10.....	121 25

Bennettsville ct, by Rev H M Mood : Bennettsville 112 50, New Hope 41 95, Smyrna 23, Pine Grove 30, Level Green 20, Boykins 29 50, Quick's 1 50, Beauty 55 40, Pleasant Hill 5, Hebron 65 50, Parnassus 28 30, St Johns 53, Oak Grove 5 65, Caledonia 31 50.....	507 80
Society Hill miss, by Rev I P Hughes : Jno Witherspoon 50, Col J W Williams 50, Hon Judge Evans 30, Col W T Ellerbe 25, W Evans 25, Hon J McQueen 25, a Lady, 10, Dr A McLeod 10, Dr J H Lane 10, B W Rogers 10, Rev A D Campbell 10, S Evans 10, E E Evans 5, col'd people 5 65...	275 65
Liberty Chapel miss, est Col J Gibson 100, Dr Robert Harlee 50, Dr W R Johnson 30, Rev H McClenaghan 25, Col R G Howard 25, Dr Samuel N Reynolds 10, Leonard Bigham, Esq, dom miss, 5, Wm Collins, Esq, 5, Geo Cusack 5, miscellaneous 18 75.....	273 75
Marion station, by Rev C H Pritchard: ann sub 115 08, col at monthly prayer meetings 29 42, to liquidate debt of miss treas 127 80, col'd people 12 89, S School 10 12.....	295 31
Marion ct, by Rev L M Little : 446, of which 5 is for China, and 5 for Kansas miss conf.....	446 00
Conwayboro' ct, by Rev G K Andrews.....	116 23
Waccamaw miss, by Rev W Carson : Col W A Alston 100, Maj W Trapier 20, Wm Porter, Esq, 10, J Parker, Esq, 7, J E Heahl, Esq, 3, S B Colcutt, Esq, 3, M H Pyatt 50.....	193 00

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Columbia—Washington-st, by Rev W A Gamewell : sub's and coll's 240 73, extra col for debt of miss treas 30, monthly miss prayer meetings 36 26, S;S to con J Veal and R Bryce, Esq's, 1 m's par soc 40, Miss E A Heron to con self 1 m 20, Maj J S Guignard 50, Mrs S F Bryce 25, R Bryce 20, miss to Mexico and Central America, A Wallace 100.....	562 03
Marion-street, by Rev F A Mood : subs 160 50, of which 100 is to con Dr W Parker and lady, and J G Forbes and lady, and Jas S Parter 1 m's S S miss soc, 20 to con Dr Wm Reynolds 1 m, monthly miss prayer meetings, 4 60, col'd miss soc 36.....	221 00
Congaree miss, by Rev N Talley : Col W Hampton 100, Gen Wm Hopkins 50, Capt A Taylor 30, Maj J S Guignard 25, P L Chappel, Esq, 25, T Taylor, Esq, 20, Gen H Arthur 20, Miss N Arthur 10, Miss C Arthur 10, Miss K Arthur 10, Maj J Sikes 15, J E Reese, Esq, 10, Dr S N Leland 5, J Campbell, Esq, 5, Dr J A Reese 5, Mrs Gen Hopkins 5, Mrs E Reese 5, W Denly, Esq, 5, Dr J T Diseker 3, J Cooper 2, Thos Harris 2, Mrs E Rowan 2, J Kelly 1, C F Richbourg 1, J H Chappell 1, Mrs Jackson 1, Wm Campbell 25c, Capt Jones 1, Miss L Hay 25c, B F Spigner 50c, G B Rush 1, L Holliday 1, pub col 3 95, Miss M Hay 37c.....	376 32
Columbia ct, by Rev J S Erwin.....	145 00
Richland Fork miss, by Rev A L Smith : Dr S Taylor 40, Mrs M R Singleton 25, G Garner, Esq, 25, S Woodward, 25, W Brown, Esq, 20, W O Gregory Esq, 20, Mrs C Killingsworth 10, J H Ledingham, Esq, 10, Col VanBuren 10, Dr D W Ray 10, R E House, Esq, 5, C W Rawlinson, Esq, 5, B S Gibson 2, L Jackson, Esq, 2, Miss A Lomas 1, Mrs E Levingham 1.....	211 00

Barnwell ct, by Rev E J Meynardie : 254, of which 20 is from Blackville, to con Rev W Crook 1 m, 10 by Spring ch, to con Rev Dr Langley 1 m Con miss soc.....	254 00
Orangeburg ct, by Rev D J Simmons : 375, of which 40 is to con Rev P A M Williams and Mrs Hannah Cummings 1 m's.....	375 00
Lexington ct, by Rev F Rush: 105, of which 20 is from himself to con Mrs Elmira Rush 1 m par soc.....	105 00
Santee ct, by Rev D W Seale : 121, of which 11 for China miss.....	121 00
Upper Santee miss, by Rev A P Avant : Gen P H Nelson 25, est J M Nelson 25, J D Weeks 25, col at Pine Log 27 50, col at Manchester 23, at Rehoboth 10 50, Rev W W Owens 15, Rev A P Avant 20, J J Belser 10, Rev S Owens 5, W W Benbow 5, col at Elizabeth 6 93, at Santee 5 03, Col R C Richardson 15.....	217 96
Sumterville, by Rev W H Fleming : 137, col'd people 26.....	163 00
Sumter ct, by Rev W W Mood.....	130 00
Fairfield ct, Rev A B McGilvray.....	200 30
Chesterville ct, by Rev J H Robinson.....	221 00
Winnsboro' ct, by Rev C McLeod.....	102 00

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

Cokesbury, by Rev H H Durant : 603 50, fem miss soc Cokesbury, 92.....	695 50
Edgefield ct, by Rev J H Zimmerman.....	300 00
Aiken and Graniteville, by Rev J A Porter : 400 55, of which 60 is to con Dr B A Rodrigues, Dr W W Pelot, and E J C Wood 1 m's.....	400 50
Newberry station, by Rev W A McSwain.....	77 25
Newberry ct, by Rev M Puckett : T G Herbert 20, to con Rev M Puckett 1 m, J Herbert 20, H Koon 20, Dr T B Rutherford 20, P W Gilliam 20, R Gilliam 10, Robt Gilliam 10, Mrs Sitgreaves 10, J R Boulware 15, Rev W M Boyd 5, Mrs Moser 5, Mrs B H Waldrop 5, S Glymph 5, Mrs H Gilliam, 5, Mrs Atwood 5, Mr Atwood 5, Mrs Wilson 5, J G Lake 5, C Herbert 5, S C Merchant 5, D Hughey 5, through D L Wicker, Esq, 33, New Chapel miss soc 5 35, from children's pub col 5 50, other col 75.....	323 85
Union ct, by Rev W Martin.....	410 35
Tiger and Enoree miss, by Rev J Finger.....	274 50
Laurens ct, by Rev T Raysor.....	275 00
Greenville station, by Rev F M Kennedy : whites 50 85, col'd 28 82, S School 10 33.....	90 00
Greenville ct, by Rev M Eaddy : 206, of which 9 50 is from children, and 20 to con Rev C Lee 1 m.....	206 00
Anderson ct, by Rev A M Chrietzburg.....	204 26
Mount Tryon miss, by Rev D D Byars : L H Dickey 5, A Cannon 5, John Boyd (a little boy) 5, others 14 Rev L Scarborough 5, D D Byars 5, J N Hawthorne 5, W Hunter 2, 11 others 1 each, 11, hat col 31 10, Churches 8 85.....	96 95
Pickens ct, by Rev F Smith.....	57 00
Jocassee miss, by Rev L Scarborough.....	40 00

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.

Charlotte station, by Rev J R Pickett: Dr D R Dunlap 20, J B F Boone 10, Rev T M Farrow 10, R Moore 4, D R Daniel 5, Thos A Boone 5, T J Holton 5, D Kistler 5, Mrs Moody 5, F G Fowler 5, Dr E H Andrews 5, col from col'd people 5 85, balance in collections.....	133 35
Charlotte ct, by Rev Jno Watts.....	166 07
Concord ct, by Rev J L Shuford.....	202 00
Albemarle ct, by Rev B G Jones.....	172 55
Wadesboro' station, by Rev O A Darby.....	53 10
Wadesboro' ct, by Rev S H Browne.....	688 79
Chesterfield ct, by Rev S Jones: self 5, Rev H Craig 5, J D Wright 5, J Leach 5, D Wadsworth 5, S Lowery 5, Col A Lowery 5, J Evans 5, Mrs W Cogdell 5, T M Robinson 5, Jno C Chapman 5, Mrs M Chapman 5, Mrs M Hannah 5, S H Horton 5, for others 70, of which 40 to con Rev T R Walsh and Mrs Mary F Jones 1 m's, Jas E Chapman 5.....	145 00
Camden station, by Rev J Staey.....	368 50
Wateree miss, by Rev A J Cauthen: Maj J M DeSaussure 75, Col J Chesnut, senr, 50, Mrs S Ciples 50, B Boykin 30, Dr J Willing 25, J B Mickle 25, T Lang 20, F Shannon 20, Mrs M E Boykin 20, Jos A Black 20, J McCrac 20, J Dunlap for est of Doby 20, Col J English 15, Col Wm Ancrum 15, B Perkins 10, Mrs English 10, S H Young and lady 10, Col T Ancrum 10, est John Chesnut 10, W G Hogan 5, B Prescott 5, J Sanders 5, L Boykin 5, D D Hacott 5, J Arthur 5, J Lucius 5, J McCaskill 5, T Sessions 5 32, B Cook 7 25, J Q Dickson 2, J H Vaughn 2, D Dew 2, J F McLeod 2, Susan Watts 2, W S Hogan 2, W Scott 2, Miss E Young 1 50, T D McLeod 1 50, E McCoy 1, Miss S Morris 1, Master S Boykin 1, J Young 1, T J Robertson 1, W Bradshaw 1, E O Steen 1, Miss Jenkins 50c, Master L B McLeod 10c, pub col 8 80, W E Hughes 4, Miss S E Hughes 2, Mr Lewis and lady 1 03, H Young 5.....	553 00
Lancaster ct, by Rev J H Ward.....	288 00
Catawba miss, by Rev W A Clark: G M Witherspoon 20, J D Witherspoon 20, J Thompson 20, Ebenezer soc 3.....	63 00
Pleasant Grove ct, by Rev G W Ivy.....	300 00

SHELBY DISTRICT.

Spartanburg station, by Rev S B Jones: 265 75, out of which 140 is to con Rev S B Jones and lady, Mrs C S Walker, Rev Dr Wightman, Rev Dr W Smith, Prof W DuPre and Mrs Bishop Capers 1 m's par soc, Pres J W Tucker, Mrs Tucker, Rev C Taylor and Mrs Taylor each 5 to con Miss Phoebe Paine 1 m, Young Ladies of Female College 20 to con Miss Betsey Wright 1 m, Students of Wofford College 20 to con Rev A J Stafford 1 m..	265 75
Spartanburg ct, by Rev D May.....	51 00
Yorkville station, by Rev A H Lester.....	90 09
Yorkville ct, by Rev J W North.....	30 40
Lincolnton ct, by Rev L S Wood.....	135 00
Shelby ct, by Rev J T Kilgo.....	66 60
Rutherford ct, by Rev P F Kistler.....	69 50
Catawba ct, by Rev J W Puett.....	147 00

Lenoir et, by Rev A Ervin.....	45 00
Morganton et, by Rev R P Franks.....	104 00
McDowell et, by Rev M A Connelly.....	25 25
South Mountain miss, by Rev W B Currie.....	37 15

MISCELLANEOUS.

Legacy of W L Phillips, by Rev C Betts.....	2,000 00
Interest on Wofford legacy, by Rev Dr Wightman.....	280 00
Interest on two legacies 10, and dividend on stock 10, by R Bryce, Esq.....	20 00
From L Myers, Gillisonville, foreign miss 10, domestic 10.....	20 00
Interest on legacy of Mrs Simmons, by Trustees of Trinity Church.....	70 00

ANNIVERSARY COLLECTION AT YORKVILLE, S. C.

From Rev W L Pegues 100, Rev W M Wightman 50, to make Mrs Col Wither-
 spoon and Mrs Caldwell 1 m's; Rev C Betts 25, Mrs C A Betts 25, Rev W H
 Lawton 50, Rev A M Shipp 50, to make Mrs Col McCaw and Mrs W P Shipp
 1 m's and A M Shipp, jr, 1 m Conf Miss Soc; Rev J T Wightman 50, to make Mrs
 Dr Bratton 1 m; Rev J H Robinson 50, W Hutto 20, J Finger 5 and W H Owen
 5, to make Eli Meek, Martha L Meek, Hannah E Finger, and B T Sellers 1 m's;
 Rev Wm Crook 20, to make W H M Crook 1 m; Rev C S Walker 20, to make
 Mr Starr Moore 1 m; Rev N Talley 20, to make Mrs Col McCaw 1 m; Rev W A
 Gamewell 20, to make Mrs Mary A Gibson 1 m; Robt Bryce 20, to make Mrs Col
 Wright 1 m; Rev H A C Walker 20, Rev Wm Martin 20, to make Mrs Agnes Mc-
 Afee 1 m; Simpson Bobo 20, to make Mrs Col Beatty 1 m; Rev F A Mood 20, to
 make J C Yongue 1 m; Rev A W Walker 20, to make G W Musel 1 m; Dr Holland
 20, to make Mrs Stowe 1 m; Rev D J Simmons 30, J P Smith 20, Rev R Pegues
 20, Rev B English 20, Rev D Derrick 20, Rev Dr Whiteford Smith 20, to make
 Mrs G W Williams 1 m; Rev J R Pickett 20, to make Mrs Addicks 1 m; Rev W
 A McSwain 20, to con Mrs Dr J Lindsey 1 m; Rev H H Durant 10, and A H Les-
 ter 10, to con Miles Johnson 1 m; Rev H H Durant 10, and S Leard 10, to con
 Mrs Miles Johnson 1 m; Rev H M Mood 5, W W Mood 5, and J A Mood 10, to
 con Miss Jane Sadler 1 m; Rev A McCorquodale 10 and S M Hamer 10, to con
 Mrs Jas Smith 1 m; Rev M A McKibben 10, G K Andrews 5, and J P Dubose 5,
 to con Mrs Martha Clawson 1 m; Revs W C Patterson 10, and J S Erwin 10, to
 con Mrs Margaret E Crenshaw 1 m; Revs Thos Mitchell 5 and J W Miller 5, to
 con Miss Crenshaw 1 m; Revs A J Cauthen 10, M Eaddy 5, E J Pennington 5, to
 con Mrs Pagan 1 m; Rev G W Stokes 15, Mrs Stokes 15, Revs G H Round 10,
 and C H Pritchard 10, to con Mrs M Clawson 1 m; Revs L M Little 10 and J W
 Puett 10, to con Miss Mattie Youngblood 1 m; Capt Jenkins for colored missions
 20, Rev J Stacy 10, to con Mrs Neely 1 m S C Conf Soc; Rev J W Kelly 10, Dr
 Miller 10, Rev R J Boyd 10, Jas Smith 10, Rev A G Stacy 10, Rev A P Martin 10,
 Rev W A Clark 10, Rev S Townsend 10, Rev H C Parsons 10, D Mooney 10, W
 Thurlow Caston 10, to con Mrs T O Summers 1 m; Maj Cole 10, for dom missions,
 an old preacher's widow 5, Mrs C G Kennedy 5, Rev C Wiggins 5, M Johnson 5,
 Rev A H Harmon 5, Rev J L Samford 5, Dr Lindsey 5, cash 7, Mr House 5, Rev
 M A Connelly 5; Revs W W Jones 5, I P Hughes 5, W Carson 5 and Landy S

Wood 5, to con Mrs Elizabeth A Owens 1 m; Revs T R Walsh 5 and P A M Williams 5, to con Col Wright 1 m S C Conf Miss Soc; Rev J J Kilgo 5, H L Owen 5, Dr D Moore 5, Thos Cowan 6, L N B Hayley 5, J W Ballard 1, all of Chapel Hill, by Rev A M Shipp, to con Miss Mary Johnson and Miss Ann E Pearson 1 m's Conf Miss Soc; Rev A Chrietzburg 5, Jas H Ward 5, W P Mouzon 5, J A Minick 5, Rev Thos Mitchell 5, Rev J Parker 5, Mrs L Banks 5, Rev P F Kistler 5, Rev A Ervin 5, Rev J W North 5, Rev M Puckett 5, Rev J M Bradley 5, Rev S H Browne 5, W H Harden 5, W W Jones 5, E A Lemon 5, Dr Hicklin 5, Mrs Just 5, M A Carson 5, Rev A L Smith 5, Augustus of Georgetown 5, a friend 10, Rev A Nettles 5, Rev D W Scale for the China mission 5; G W Williams to con Mrs Whitefoord Smith 1 m 20; cash to con T O Summers, jr, 1 m 20; Rev J L Belin 25, cash 2, Mrs S Waring 2, Mrs Spring 1, Rev J A Mood 1, W W Mood 1, A J Ervin 1, cash 2, D J Simmons 1, W P Mouzon 1, cash 8, to con Mrs Bishop Andrew 1 m; Rev J Watts 4, Rev J W Kelly 1, Rev E H Myers 1, F M Morgan 1, Rev J H Robinson 1, Rev W Crook 1, Rev A G Stacy 1, to con Mrs T O Summers 1 m; Col Wm Wright 10, a lady 1, Mrs Seabrook 2, Rev A B Stephens 1, Revs W Crook 1, J W Kelly 1, cash 4, to con Charles Taylor 1 m; hat collection 46 79. Total at anniversary, \$1,585 79.

RECAPITULATION.

DR.

To received as follows, viz.:

On Charleston District.....	\$7,601 24
On Georgetown District.....	4,628 36
On Columbia District.....	3,464 61
On Cokesbury District.....	3,451 16
On Charlotte District.....	3,133 36
On Shelby District.....	1,066 65
Miscellaneous.....	2,390 00
Anniversary collections.....	1,585 79
Total.....	27,321 17

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By paid part of cost of Minutes of S C Conference.....	\$150 00
By paid to Rev J W Kelly, by order of the Society.....	875 00
By paid on Pon Pon miss, by order of donors.....	144 00
By paid to W R Elliston, tr., Nashville, by Rev W A Gamewell.....	30 00
By balance in hand.....	26,122 17
Total.....	27,321 17

